



PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER AND PROGRAM

The purpose of the school library media center and program is to provide instruction and material in a variety of formats to:

- Support State and District curriculum standards and initiatives
- Support language acquisition and literacy (1)
- Support District and school-based initiatives to close the achievement gap (2)
- Develop independent learners who are information literate and pursue information related to personal interests (3)
- Support personal interests and reference needs of students through self-selection of materials (3)
- Develop a life-long love of reading and learning (4)

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