

MA School Library Media Program Standards Teaching & Learning Specifications

Staffing

The school has a minimum of one full-time Massachusetts [DOE licensed library teacher](#) supported by one full-time qualified library support staff person for approximately every five hundred (500) students with additional staffing for extended hours.

Planning Time

Time is regularly scheduled for classroom and library teachers to collaboratively design and assess inquiry-based curriculum lessons.

Information Problem Solving Process

A collaboratively selected [information problem solving](#) process is taught and used district-wide.

Information Literacy Outcomes

PreK-12 information literacy curriculum with defined outcomes taught within discipline Frameworks inquiry-based lessons.

Inquiry-based Curriculum

Sufficient collaboratively developed and taught inquiry-based curriculum lessons at each grade level to ensure that all students have opportunities to learn and practice the skills needed to meet district PreK-12 information literacy outcomes.

Rubrics

Standards and assessment [rubrics](#) for student report, research, and media production formats have been established, approved, and are consistently utilized by faculty

Assessment

Yearly grade level assessments of the inquiry-based curriculum lessons. The results are shared with the entire faculty and used to ensure that the district's information literacy outcomes continue to be addressed as curriculum evolves and teaching staff changes.

Challenging inquiry-based research projects

Collaboratively designed inquiry-based lessons that move beyond topical research to incorporate essential questions and authentic learning tasks. Value for original thought and personal knowledge construction is demonstrated.

Scaffolded Research Projects

Research projects are scaffolded to maximize student understanding and learning.

A Reading Community

Modeling and support of reading development throughout the learning community that fosters the creation of habitual readers. Reading is integrated into all subject areas and departments.