

MA School Library Media Program Standards Facilities Standard Specifications

Space

According to [Massachusetts Education Laws and Regulations 603 CMR 38.00](#): **School Construction 38.05: Program Standards: Capital Construction**, *"the cost of program spaces shall be shared in by the Commonwealth if they fall within the ranges listed below. A variation of 5% is permitted. Exceptions to the minimum and maximum program space allowances may be granted at the discretion of the DOE Commissioner or the Board."*

- **Elementary Schools:** *"The Media Center/Library Reading Room should range from 1800-3000 square feet, small group and Seminar areas should range up to 500 square feet each and Computer labs/workstations should have 30 square feet per workstation."*
- **Secondary schools:** *"The Library (Instructional Materials Center) program area may be up to 15% of enrollment x 40 square feet - maximum. Computer labs/workstations should have 30 square feet per workstation Other areas may be added, if planned, i.e. office, conference, etc. Storage space is as needed."*

Seating Capacity

- **Elementary Schools:** *"Seating capacity will be determined by a combination of the size of the student body and the number of staff persons available for supervision."*
- **Secondary Schools:** *"Seating capacity will be twelve percent (12%) of the total student body."*

Accessibility

To conform to the [American with Disabilities Act](#), the facility must be accessible to the handicapped.