

Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers: Teacher Librarians

QUALITY STANDARD I

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ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards and their district's organized plan of instruction.



<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN plans lessons that:</p> <p>1 Support Colorado Academic Standards.</p> <p>2 Incorporate relevant instructional objectives.</p> <p>3 Demonstrate assessment best practices.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN implements lessons that:</p> <p>4 Align to the district's plan of instruction.</p> <p>5 Reflect vertical and horizontal alignment of the grade or subject area.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>6 Collaborates with others to ensure implementation of learning objectives and outcomes.</p>	<p>... and EDUCATORS:</p> <p>7 Collaboratively plan instruction.</p> <p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>8 Demonstrate relevant literacy skills correlated with standards.</p>	<p>... and EDUCATORS:</p> <p>9 Incorporate collaboratively created plans into their instruction.</p> <p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>10 Can provide a relevant connection to the standard in their words.</p>
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ELEMENT B: Teachers develop and implement lessons that connect to a variety of content areas/disciplines and emphasize literacy and mathematical practices.



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<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>1 Connects lessons to key concepts and themes within other disciplines and/or content areas.</p> <p>2 Makes content specific academic language accessible.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN implements instructional strategies across content areas that include:</p> <p>4 Literacy skills (*e.g., reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital, information, and/or financial literacy).</p> <p>5 Mathematical thinking (*e.g., problem solving, perseverance, abstract reasoning, and/or evidence based arguments).</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>6 Makes interdisciplinary connections explicit.</p> <p>7 Strategically integrates literacy skills* across content areas.</p> <p>8 Strategically supports the development of students' mathematical thinking*.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>9 Apply literacy skills* and mathematical thinking*.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>10 Draw real-world connections to other content area(s).</p>

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ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices, and specialized characteristics of the disciplines being taught.



THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:	... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN implements:	... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:	... and EDUCATORS:	... and STUDENTS:
<p>1 Scaffolds questions, concepts, and skills based on learning outcomes.</p> <p>2 Uses and recommends instructional resources that are applicable for the lesson being taught.</p> <p>3 Encourages and provides opportunities to make connections to prior learning.</p>	<p>4 Instructional strategies that best align to the learning objective.</p> <p>5 Multiple models and delivery methods to explain concepts accurately.</p> <p>6 Questioning techniques to support inquiry.</p>	<p>7 Anticipates and addresses misconceptions related to the learning objective.</p> <p>8 Collaboratively develops and implements inquiry-based learning opportunities.</p>	<p>9 Incorporate appropriate resources to deepen student learning.</p> <p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>10 Apply skills and knowledge to engage in more complex tasks.</p>	<p>11 Generate questions that lead to further inquiry and self-directed learning.</p> <p>12 Synthesize concepts to create original thinking within and across disciplines.</p>

QUALITY STANDARD II

Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.

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ELEMENT A: Teachers foster a predictable learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior and efficient use of time in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.



THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN maintains:

- 1 Safety and welfare within the environment.
- 2 Clear expectations for behavior in support of building initiatives.
- 3 Procedures and routines to guide safe and respectful library and technology use.

... and **THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:**

- 4 Facilitates accountability to library and technology procedures and routines.
- 5 Consistently reinforces expectations.
- 6 Demonstrates caring and respectful relationship with students/educators.

... and **THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN**

- provides instruction that:
- 7 Models purposeful and acceptable behavior in the learning environment.
 - 8 Supports strategies to reduce disruptive or off-task behaviors in the learning environment.

... and **STUDENTS:**

- 9 Demonstrate mutual respect in the learning environment.
- 10 Uphold school and learning environment rules and expectations across digital and in person environments.

... and **STUDENTS:**

- 11 Encourage positive behavior from peers across digital and in person environments.

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ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate an awareness of, a commitment to, and a respect for multiple aspects of diversity, while working toward common goals as a community of learners.



<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>1 Acknowledges the influence of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, socioeconomics and other aspects of culture on student/educator perspectives within the learning environment and library collection.</p> <p>2 Develops a library collection which is representative of a diverse population of students and educators.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>Creates and continually refines a learning environment and library collection in which diversity is used to ensure:</p> <p>3 A sense of community.</p> <p>4 Effective interactions.</p> <p>5 Incorporates resources that reflect diverse backgrounds, experiences, and points of view.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN</p> <p>Builds a library collection, creates a learning environment, and delivers instruction that:</p> <p>6 Delivers lessons to ensure diverse and representative backgrounds and contextual knowledge are considered.</p> <p>7 Uses materials and lessons that counteract stereotypes to acknowledge the contributions of all cultures.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>8 Respect the uniqueness of peers.</p> <p>9 Seek a variety of perspectives to enhance their learning.</p> <p>... and EDUCATORS:</p> <p>10 Seek a variety of perspectives to enhance their instruction.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS:</p> <p>11 Find resources in the library that reflect their identities/lived experiences and develop their desire to learn.</p> <p>... and EDUCATORS:</p> <p>12 Guide decisions related to the library environment, collection, and programming.</p>
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ELEMENT C: Teachers engage students as individuals, including those with diverse needs and interests, across a range of ability levels by adapting their teaching for the benefit of all students.



<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>1 Plans for a variety of learning needs and interests.</p> <p>2 Adapts the physical environment to support individual needs.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>3 Initiates collaboration with students/educators to better understand and respond to learning needs and interests.</p> <p>4 Participates in collaborative planning to address learning needs.</p> <p>5 Encourages contributions of students/educators across a range of ability levels.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>6 Collaborates with students/educators to implement a variety of inclusion, intervention, and/or enrichment practices to address unique learning needs and interests.</p> <p>7 Promotes opportunities and support to self-select tasks that accelerate progress toward learning goals.</p> <p>8 Partners with colleagues to promote self reflection, self regulation, and persistence into Instruction.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS AND/OR EDUCATORS:</p> <p>9 Use library resources to support learning needs and interests that affect classroom performance.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS AND/OR EDUCATORS:</p> <p>10 Use the library space to engage in different types of learning activities, e.g. self study, partner work, and cooperative group work.</p> <p>11 View the library as a safe space to apply skills such as self reflection, self regulation, connection with peers, and persistence.</p>
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ELEMENT D: Teachers work collaboratively with the families and/or significant adults for the benefit of students.



<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN establishes:</p> <p>1 An environment that encourages participation from families and/or significant adults.</p> <p>2 Respectful relationships with families and/or significant adults.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>3 Uses a variety of methods to initiate communication with families and/or significant adults in the school and community.</p> <p>4 Shares information about library resources and services available to support student progress.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>5 Recognizes obstacles to family and community use of library resources and/or library programming and seeks solutions to overcome them.</p>	<p>... and FAMILIES AND/OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:</p> <p>6 Collaborate with the teacher librarian to remove obstacles to use library resources and/or participate in library programming.</p>	<p>... and FAMILIES AND/OR SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:</p> <p>7 Use library resources and participate in library programming.</p>
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QUALITY STANDARD III

Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.

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ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate knowledge about the ways in which learning takes place, including the levels of intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development of their students.



**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

1 Considers the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development of students when planning lessons.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

2 Collaborates with educators to improve the quality of instruction and ensure resources and materials used are developmentally appropriate.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

3 Engages students in developmentally appropriate learning.

4 Engages students/educators in creative learning experiences.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

5 Advocate for their learning needs.


6 Communicate the value of new and different ways of learning.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

7 Apply new and different ways of learning.

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<p>ELEMENT B: Teachers use formal and informal methods to assess student learning, provide feedback, and use results to inform planning and instruction.</p> 				
<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>1 Determines current skill levels and uses that information to plan instruction.</p> <p>2 Selects assessment strategies aligned to the learning objective.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>3 Monitors learning using various assessment strategies.</p> <p>4 Provides timely feedback that is academically focused and high quality.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>5 Incorporates feedback to improve learning.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS AND/OR EDUCATORS:</p> <p>6 Self-assess on a variety of skills and concepts.</p> <p>7 Revise their work based on feedback.</p>	<p>... and STUDENTS AND/OR EDUCATORS:</p> <p>8 Discuss performance with others.</p> <p>9 Monitor and revise their learning goals based on feedback.</p>

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ELEMENT C: Teachers integrate and utilize appropriate available technology to engage students in authentic learning experiences.



**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

1 Plans lessons incorporating available technology.

2 Assesses available technology to use with instruction.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN**

uses available technology to:

3 Facilitate instruction.

4 Develop knowledge and skills based on lesson outcomes.

5 Models responsible and ethical use of technology and Applications.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN**

integrates available technology to enhance:

6 Creativity.

7 Use of information.

8 Collaboration.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

9 Demonstrate responsible and ethical digital citizenship.

10 Use available technology to apply team building skills.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

11 Self-select appropriate technology tools based on lesson outcomes.

2 Create artifacts and design tools to solve authentic problems.

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ELEMENT D: Teachers establish and communicate high expectations and use processes to support the development of critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.



**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

1 Establishes challenging expectations.

2 Plans lessons that incorporate critical-thinking and problem solving skills.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

3 Uses questioning strategies to develop critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

4 Uses wait time to encourage responses.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

5 Models critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

6 Use questioning strategies to develop and test innovative ideas.

7 Use evidence to justify conclusions and synthesize knowledge.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

8 Construct logical arguments.

9 Use concepts to solve problems.

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ELEMENT E: Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership.



**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

1 Identifies a clear purpose for collaboration.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

2 Provides opportunities to participate using various roles and modes of communication.

3 Adjusts groups based on learning objectives and student/educator needs.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

4 Upholds accountability for work product and collaboration processes.

5 Promotes teamwork and leadership skills.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

6 Demonstrate a willingness to assume leadership roles in their teams.

7 Utilize group processes to build trust and promote effective team interactions.

... and
**STUDENTS
AND/OR
EDUCATORS:**

8 Use group feedback to reflect on and improve the quality of their work.

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ELEMENT F: Teachers model and promote effective communication.



THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:

1 Establishes expectations to support effective communication.

2 Provides clear directions to guide learning and behavior.

... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:

3 Uses active listening strategies.

... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:

4 Cultivates ability to clearly articulate thoughts and ideas.

5 Effectively communicates how/why to use library resources to the community.

... and STUDENTS AND/OR EDUCATORS:

6 Apply clear and appropriate communication skills.

7 Formulate questions and explain their thinking.

... and STUDENTS AND/OR EDUCATORS:

8 Use active listening strategies to extend and enrich the discussion.

QUALITY STANDARD IV

Teachers demonstrate professionalism through ethical conduct, reflection, and leadership.

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ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate high standards for professional conduct.



THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN

maintains
confidentiality of:

1 Student records
and data as
required by law.

2 Students,
families, and
other educators.

3 Demonstrates
reliable and
responsible behavior.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN**

engages in
interactions that
are:

4 Respectful.

5 Consistent.

6 Reasonable.

7 Models ethical
behavior.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

8 Promotes ethical
behavior of students
as individuals and as
members of a
community.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

9 Encourages
colleagues'
accountability to
school and district
vision and mission.

... and
**THE TEACHER
LIBRARIAN:**

10 Serves as an
advocate for
school and district
vision and mission.

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ELEMENT B: Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.



<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN reflects on and engages in professional learning activities aligned to:</p> <p>1 Colorado Academic Standards.</p> <p>2 School and district goals.</p> <p>3 Professional goals and growth plan.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>4 Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional learning to improve student outcomes.</p> <p>5 Seeks performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>6 Implements performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice.</p> <p>7 Applies research as a key component of ongoing learning and development.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>8 Uses data to monitor and evaluate instructional strategies acquired through professional learning.</p> <p>9 Reflects on and adjusts instruction resulting in student growth.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>10 Self-selects professional learning beyond district/school offerings that builds instructional expertise.</p>
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ELEMENT C: Teachers respond to a complex, dynamic environment.



<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>1 Maintains a productive and respectful relationship with colleagues.</p>	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN adapts to the changing demands of the:</p> <p>2 Classroom and/or library environment.</p> <p>3 School environment.</p>	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN collaborates with colleagues to:</p> <p>4 Navigate change while maintaining a focus on student learning.</p> <p>5 Implement change efforts.</p>	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>6 Contributes to school improvement planning efforts.</p>	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>7 Contributes to district improvement planning efforts.</p>
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<p>ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate leadership in the school, the community, and the teaching profession.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">   </div>				
<p>THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>1 Contributes to school committees and teams.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>2 Actively participates in school decision making processes.</p> <p>3 Acts as an informal mentor/resource to colleagues.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>4 Increases the capacity of colleagues to improve practice.</p> <p>5 Seeks opportunities to lead.</p> <p>6 Promotes an inclusive school culture through family or community outreach.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>7 Advocates for improvements to teaching and learning at the local, state, and/or national level.</p> <p>8 Works with colleagues to promote changes to school-wide systems to improve student learning.</p>	<p>... and THE TEACHER LIBRARIAN:</p> <p>9 Leads activities designed to improve local, state and/or national level policies and procedures.</p> <p>10 Collaborates with community partners, organizations, and/or networks to address educational issues.</p>