

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: February 19, 2013

TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY 6200, SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

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**RESOURCE
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed revisions to Policy 6200, School Libraries. This is the first reading.

Attachment I – Policy Analysis
Attachment II – Policy 6200

POLICY ANALYSIS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6200

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed

In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent's Rule 8130, Policy 6200 is scheduled for review in school year 2012-2013. Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to: (1) include a policy statement; (2) include guidelines that reflect current library media program standards and expectations; (3) include an implementation section; (4) conform with the Policy Review Committee's editing conventions.

Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System

No fiscal impact is anticipated by the revision of this policy.

Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies

1. Board of Education Policy 6002, *Selection of Instructional Materials*
2. Board of Education Policy 6202, *Telecommunications Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks*
3. Superintendent's Rule 1120, *Copyright*

Legal Requirements

1. COMAR 13A.05.04.01, *Public School Library Programs*
2. COMAR 13A.12.03.03, *Library Media Specialist*

Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems

1. Charles County Board of Education, Policy 6360, *Instruction: Organization and Administration of the Instructional Program: School Libraries*
2. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 04-0016-000, *Professional Library/Media Center*
3. Harford County Board of Education, Policy 06-0022-000, *School Media Centers*
4. Montgomery County Board of Education, Policy IIB, *Evaluation and Selection*

Draft of Proposed Policy

Attached

Other Alternatives Considered By Staff

No other alternatives were considered.

Timeline

First reading – February 19, 2013

Public comment – March 5, 2013

Third reading/vote – April 23, 2013

INSTRUCTION: Instructional Services

School Libraries

I. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes that school library media centers provide students and staff equitable access to the print and digital resources critical to supporting 21st century teaching and learning. THE BOARD FURTHER BELIEVES THAT THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAM SUPPORTS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BY COLLABORATING WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS TO INTEGRATE INSTRUCTION OF INFORMATION LITERACY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SKILLS INTO THE CONTENT CURRICULUM.

[The Board further recognizes that state certified library media specialists are critical partners with teachers in integrating information and technology literacy skills with all curricula by collaborating and co-teaching to positively impact the achievement of all students.

Hence, the schools shall provide and maintain adequate school libraries and ensure sufficient staffing. The Superintendent shall develop rules, regulations and procedures to insure the quality of content in these libraries and their systematic maintenance as current resources for teachers, students, and their families.]

II. GUIDELINES

- A. BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAM SHALL MEET THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION *STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAMS IN MARYLAND*. THE PROGRAM SHALL ALSO ADHERE TO THE *MARYLAND STATE CURRICULUM IN INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS* AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES *STANDARDS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNER*.
- B. SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA COLLECTIONS WILL BE SELECTED AND EVALUATED CONSISTENT WITH POLICY 6002, *SELECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS*.

[The Superintendent shall annually request sufficient funds o maintain these services, using the standards of the American Library Association and the Maryland School Library Media Program Standards as guides.]

III. IMPLEMENTATION

A. THE BOARD DIRECTS THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY.

Legal References: COMAR 13A.05.04.01, *Public School Library Programs*
COMAR 13A.12.03.03, *Library Media Specialist*

Related Policies: [Board of Education Rule 1120, *Copyright*]
Board of Education Policy [and Rule] 6002, *Selection of Instructional Materials*
Board of Education Policy [and Rule] 6202, *Telecommunications Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks*

RELATED RULE: SUPERINTENDENT’S RULE 1120, *COPYRIGHT*

POLICY
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