



Florida Association for Media in Education

2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Representing Library Media Specialists in public, private, and charter schools across Florida, we are the only professional organization for K-12 library media specialists in the state.

STRENGTHEN 2022 K-12 EDUCATION LAW

- Extend library media specialist requirements to private and charter schools to ensure EVERY CHILD in Florida has equal access to quality literature and information literacy.
- Require districts to report certification numbers for each campus media specialist, possibly through School Improvement Plans.
- End book bans to ensure equal access to quality, self-selected reading materials, while preparing graduates to enter college and the workforce.
- We oppose any law that stands between parents and their children's right to read.

ENSURE CERTIFIED PERSONNEL SELECT TEXTS

- HB 1069 assigns school boards final say over instructional materials. Many members are not degreed or certified in the state of Florida. Allowing certified personnel choice of textbooks and other instructional materials ensures factual, scientific, and accurate texts in the classroom.
- Ensure certified personnel the ability to prevent and intervene for students in mental health crisis. Access to factual information, empathetic narratives, and counseling can save lives!

INCLUDE LIBRARIANS IN ALL RECRUITMENT INITIATIVES

- Ensure districts can attract qualified media specialists to meet the requirements of the law.
- Incentivize media positions with bonuses, pay raises, and homestead exemptions so library media specialists are on par with teacher recruitment efforts.
- Certified media specialists are proven to increase reading achievement, develop critical information literacy skills, and enable students to build a life-long love of reading. [Small, R. V., & Snyder, J. (2009)]

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FLORIDA'S K-12 LIBRARIES!

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