

26. LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES

Library services are an essential component of the total educational program. Strong library/media services are necessary to enable the educational community to effectively utilize modern media, such as cable TV and computers, and to prepare our students to function in today's complex society. Effective school library programs should provide opportunities for students of varying abilities, needs, backgrounds, and interest to improve their education and to acquire lifelong patterns of learning.

Students are encouraged to acquire and strengthen their skills in reading, observing, listening and communicating, using a variety of printed material and other media. Teachers are provided with instructional resources, a professional library, and support services which enhance their capability to deliver quality education services.

The goal of quality education is well supported by library programs based on facilities, staff, resources, and budgets to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff.