

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Professional Standards Board**

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 1205(b) (14 **Del.C.** §1205(b))  
14 **DE Admin. Code** 1580

**FINAL**

**REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER**

**1580 School Library Media Specialist**

**I. Summary of the Evidence and Information Submitted**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1580 School Library Media Specialist. The regulation concerns the requirements for certification of educational personnel, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a). It is appropriate to amend this regulation as it has been 5 years since the last review of this regulation and some clarification was warranted. This regulation sets forth the requirements for a School Library Media Specialist.

Notice of the proposed amendment of the regulation was published in the *News Journal* and the *Delaware State News* on January 5, 2009 in the form hereto attached as Exhibit "A". The notice invited written comments. No comments were received.

**II. Findings of Facts**

The Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education find that it is appropriate to amend this regulation to comply with changes in statute.

**III. Decision to Amend the Regulation**

For the foregoing reasons, the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education conclude that it is appropriate to amend the regulation. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1205(b), the regulation attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), the regulation hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

**IV. Text and Citation**

The text of the regulation amended shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1580 of the *Administrative Code of Regulations* of the Department of Education.

**V. Effective Date of Order**

The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the *Delaware Register of Regulations*.

**APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009**

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**FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**

Lillian Lowery Ed.D., Secretary of Education

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**1580 School Library Media Specialist**

**4.0 Content**

~~This regulation shall apply to the requirements for a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1220(a), for Library Media Specialist.~~

**2.0 Definitions**

~~The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:~~

~~"Department" means the Delaware Department of Education.~~

~~"License" means a credential which authorizes the holder to engage in the practice for which the license is issued.~~

~~"Standard Certificate" means a credential issued to certify that an educator has the prescribed knowledge, skill or education to practice in a particular area, teach a particular subject, or teach a category of students.~~

**3.0 Standard Certificate**

~~In accordance with 14 Del.C. §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a Library Media Specialist to an applicant who holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003, and who meets the following requirements:~~

~~3.1 Bachelor's degree in any content area from a regionally accredited college or university; and,~~

~~3.2 Completion of a Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in an American Library Association (ALA) approved program in School Library Media; or,~~

~~3.3 Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in any other content area, including a general Media Library Specialist (MLS) degree, and completion of a program in School Library Media approved by the Department pursuant to 14 DE Admin. Code 290 which meets ALA Standards.~~

**7-DE-Reg-632 (11/1/03)**

~~Renumbered effective 6/1/07 – see Conversion Table~~

## **1.0 Content**

- 1.1 This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), for School Library Media Specialist. This certification is required for grades K to 12.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise provided, the requirements set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

## **2.0 Definitions**

- 2.1 The definitions set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

## **3.0 Standard Certificate**

- 3.1 In accordance with 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a School Library Media Specialist to an educator who has met the following:
  - 3.1.1 Holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License or Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003; and,
  - 3.1.2 Has met the requirements as set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto; and
  - 3.1.3 Has satisfied the additional requirements in this regulation.

## **4.0 Additional Requirements**

- An educator shall also meet the following:
- 4.1 Has satisfied at least one of the following additional requirements:
  - 4.1.1 Holds a Masters or Doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university in an American Library Association approved program in School Library Media; or
  - 4.1.2 Holds a Masters or Doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university in any area; and
    - 4.1.2.1 Has completed a Department approved School Library Media program which meets American Library Association Standards.

**7 DE Reg. 632 (11/1/03)**

**12 DE Reg. 1206 (03/01/09) (Final)**

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