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**Library Information Center, Rule**

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**The Background:**

The State Board of Education maintains rules that govern the operation of school library information centers as part of the “Minimum Requirements for the Approval of Public Schools.”<sup>1</sup>

Concern with the current rules arose after discussions with the leadership from the Tennessee Association of School Librarians. They pointed out that the language associated with Internet access and electronic library collections was outdated and did not reflect the realities of a 21<sup>st</sup> century information center.

These rules were written with input from library information center stakeholders from schools and districts of varying sizes and grade levels. Additionally, these proposed rules were presented at the October meeting to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians.

These proposed rules reflect the conditions necessary to create a successful learning environment in a school library information center. These proposed rules address collections in school library information centers; specifically the type, age, and condition of the media. These rules do not address the content of the collection. These decisions are at the sole discretion of the local education agency that oversees the school library information center.

**The Recommendation:**

The SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.

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