

Certification Staffing Assignment Library Science

Library Science is the science or art of gaining knowledge and skills required to develop, organize, store, retrieve, administer, and facilitate the use of collections of information in such formats as books, documents, manuscripts, data bases, recorded materials, electronic materials, computer software applications, shared information resources via networks or Internet, etc.

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Grade Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid PA certificate for library science PK-12 is qualified to act as a school librarian and to teach library science in grades PK through 12.

Certificate Assignment:

- An educator holding a valid PA certificate for Library Science is qualified to act as a librarian and to teach library science at the elementary, middle or secondary level.
- The role of certified Library Science Professionals vs. Paraprofessional Aides:
 - The district must employ at least one (1) **certified** Library Science educator to manage a school library program.
 - When students are in the library, the certified Library Science educator must be present, OR a certified teacher must accompany students and remain in the library with them.
 - The Library Science certification program guidelines list duties that are reserved to the certified School Librarian.
 - The **library paraprofessional aide** may check out books and perform book exchange functions under the direction of the certified Library Science educator or when the certified teacher is present with students.
 - See CSPG #101 – Utilization of Paraprofessional Staff.

Certificate Clarification:

A certificate of public librarianship does not qualify the holder for appointment as a school librarian. A certificate of public librarianship may qualify a person for service in the state's public library system at municipal, county and state libraries.

Special Considerations:

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills.

References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Certification.

PA Public School Code: §1202
§1212
§1604

22 PA Code: Chapter 4: §4.22
§4.23
§4.31

Chapter 49: §49.11
§49.81

This revision supersedes all earlier CSPG's carrying this number and/or addressing this subject. Previous dates on this subject: 1973, 3/75, 3/78, 2/82, 1/87, 7/04

Summary of Changes

Date of Revisions	Major Changes to CSPG #048
2/2017	Clarified the role of Library Science professionals vs. paraprofessional aides.