

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: BSEP P&O Committee  
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we need to teach skilled and responsible use of those resources, and more fully integrate information and computer literacy instruction into all subject areas. Teacher Librarians have this cross-curricular, information and computer literate instruction as their core focus.

The current 0.5 Elementary Teacher Librarian has been establishing deeper instructional articulation between departments, collaborating with classroom teachers, Literacy Coaches, and the DigiTech Instructional Technology team. Adding another certificated librarian will increase our capacity to sustain and further develop this articulation, and to include ELD, Special Ed/RTI and the Family Engagement and Equity team. It will also help us further align our school library resources with the standards, be responsive to new initiatives such as the Toolbox curriculum and updating our Welcoming Schools resources, and effectively integrate the strategic use of ebooks, audiobooks and academic databases in addition to our strong print resources.

Summary - Credentialed Teacher Librarian to Student ratio with this plan:

At the elementary level, the Library Media Technicians/Specialists are responsible for managing the circulation and re-shelving of all materials, which can run from 1,000 to 2,000 books per month at each site. They provide weekly class visits, complete with read-alouds, book talks, typing club opportunities and guidance in using the online catalog, as well as offering drop-in access during recess time when school schedules permit. Five elementary library staff work at 0.8 FTE at the smaller elementary schools, five larger schools work at 0.9 FTE, and Malcolm's library staff is 1.0 FTE.

Central Media Library - At the District Office, the Central Media Library (CML) Technician handles the circulation of the central collection of instructional dvds,

Library Media Technician/Specialist Substitutes - \$3,000

With this small fund we are able to train and provide substitutes for elementary Library Media Technicians/Specialists. Otherwise Library services are suspended when an elementary Library Media Technician/Specialist is absent.



Additionally, the District Library maintains a web page of central services and school site library links for staff and families at [library.berkeleyschools.net/](http://library.berkeleyschools.net/). All of the library collections of the K-12 schools and the Central Media Library are searchable