

# Approval of New Rule 6A-7.0715, F.A.C., Certifications and Plans for Instructional Materials and Library Media

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#### Purpose of Rule 6A-7.0715, F.A.C.

- The purpose of this rule is to set forth the certifications and plans that must be filed by school district superintendents with the Florida Department of Education relating to instructional and library materials.
- This rule also incorporates the new library media training required by House Bill 1467, which underwent a rigorous process to be developed.
- Numerous examples of inappropriate materials in school libraries have recently surfaced.
- This very important training will support educators in making decisions over the appropriateness of materials in our school libraries to protect our students.



#### **Requirements and Due Dates**

- (a) School District Annual Requisition Plan, due annually on or before April 1.
- (b) Certification of Alignment and Adoption of Instructional Materials, Form IM-A, due annually on or before March 31.
- (c) Certification of Implementation of Instructional and Library Media Materials, Form IM-B, due annually on or before July 1.
- (d) Certification of Library Media Training, Form IM-C, due annually on or before July 1.
- (e) Library Media Training.



#### **Library Media Training**

- The Library Media Training was created by a workgroup comprised of library media specialists, school district library media supervisors, and parent representatives.
- Various perspectives were heard and public feedback was extensive. The result is a thorough training to support educators.
- The training describes criteria for selection and maintenance of library materials; collection development policies; selection, evaluation and maintenance of school library materials; and information for instructional materials reviewers.



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