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SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST PROGRAM: PRE-ASSESSMENT

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Directions: How you would describe your present ability to fulfill the responsibilities of a school library media specialist (items 1-40)? For each item, please indicate your ability according to the following scale:

- 5 = Very prepared
- 4 = Prepared
- 3 = Neither prepared nor unprepared
- 2 = Unprepared
- 1 = Very unprepared

1. I am _____ to advocate for and demonstrate effective use of current and relevant information processes and resources, including emerging technologies.
2. I am _____ to model a variety of effective strategies to locate, evaluate and use information in a variety of formats for diverse purposes.
3. I am _____ to plan reference services, using traditional and electronic services that are comprehensive and address the needs of all users.
4. I am _____ to model and teach legal and ethical practices.
5. I am _____ to use a variety of strategies to promote leisure reading.
6. I am _____ to model my personal enjoyment of reading in order to promote the habits of creative expression and lifelong reading.
7. I am _____ to identify and explain the historical and contemporary trends and multicultural issues in reading material for children and young adults.
8. I am _____ to analyze and apply research in literacy and reading in order to select and recommend diverse materials in formats and at levels that facilitate the reading process and the development of fluency in readers.
9. I am _____ to collaborate with teachers to integrate literature into curriculum.
10. I am _____ to instill a sense of enjoyment in reading in others that leads to lifelong reading habits.
11. I am _____ to analyze and implement library media program scheduling options for different needs by developing flexible and open access for the library media center and its services.
12. I am _____ to plan strategically to ensure physical and intellectual access to information for the entire school community.

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13. I am _____ to identify means of providing remote access to information.
14. I am _____ to model and promote the tenets of privacy, confidentiality, intellectual property, and intellectual freedom.
15. I am _____ to demonstrate collaborative techniques as they create and maintain an attractive, positive educational climate in a technology-rich, library media center.
16. I am _____ to use research based data, including action research, to analyze and improve services.
17. I am _____ to ensure that the library media curriculum is documented as significant to the overall academic success of all students.
18. I am _____ to explain, document, and communicate the impact of collaborative instruction on student achievement.
19. I am _____ to develop a regular communication procedure between home and school.
20. I am _____ to work to ensure that responsibility for an integrated information literacy curriculum is shared across curricular areas throughout the school.
21. I am _____ to advocate for the information skills curriculum in order to assure appropriate learning experiences for all students, and to address the academic needs of the school community.
22. I am _____ to employ strategies to ensure connections between the school community and the larger library world of public, academic, special libraries, and information centers.
23. I am _____ to participate in professional associations.
24. I am _____ to anticipate providing leadership to school and district committees.
25. I am _____ to share expertise in the design of appropriate instruction and assessment activities with other professional colleagues.
26. I am _____ to develop a library media program that reflects the best practices of education and librarianship.
27. I am _____ identify and thoroughly explain the current trends and issues in education.

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- 28. I am _____ to write a plan for professional growth that justifies my own professional choices.
- 29. I am _____ to engage in school improvement activities by partnering with administrators to help teachers learn and practice new ways of teaching.
- 30. I am _____ to share information, apply research results, and engage in action research.
- 31. I am _____ to utilize collection analysis and evaluation research and techniques to ensure a balanced collection which reflects diversity of format and content, reflecting our multicultural society.
- 32. I am _____ to design plans for collection development and analysis and policies that ensure flexible and equitable access to facilities and resources.
- 33. I am _____ to develop procedures to analyze the effectiveness of library media policies, procedures, and operations.
- 34. I am _____ to ensure that policies and procedures are in place to support intellectual freedom and the privacy of users of all ages.
- 35. I am _____ to organize, manage and assess all human, financial, and physical resources of the library media program.
- 36. I am _____ to advocate for ongoing administrative support for library media program and policies.
- 37. I am _____ to actively seek alternative sources of funding for a library media program, both within and outside the school community.
- 38. I am _____ to collaborate with teachers, administrators, students and others in the school community to develop, implement, and assess long-term, strategic plans.
- 39. I am _____ to be able to align the library media program with the information literacy standards and the school's goals, objectives and content standards.
- 40. I am _____ to use quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection and analysis to assess data and make decisions on which to base plans and policies.