

4.2.2 NEW YORK STATE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

School Library Materials Aid

Note: updated from \$2 to \$4 to currently \$6 per student

ARTICLE 15-A – SCHOOL LIBRARY MATERIALS

§711. Aid for the purchase of school library materials [*Eff. until June 30, 1994.*]

1. In the several cities and school districts of the state, boards of education, trustees or such body or officers as perform the functions of such boards, shall designate school library materials to be used in the schools in the district.

2. School library materials, for the purposes of this article shall mean both audio/visual materials and printed materials that may or may not require magnification which meet all of the following criteria: (1) materials which are catalogued and processed as part of the school library or media center for use by elementary and/or secondary school children and teachers; (2) materials which with reasonable care and use may be expected to last more than one year; and (3) materials which would not be eligible for aid pursuant to sections seven hundred one and seven hundred fifty-one of this chapter. School library materials meeting these criteria may include (i) hard cover and paperback books, periodicals, that is publications which appear at regular intervals of less than one year on a continuing basis for an indefinite period, documents other than books, pamphlets, musical scores, other printed and published materials, and (ii) for school year nineteen hundred eighty-six-eighty-seven and thereafter audio/visual materials including films, film strips, micro-film, sound recordings, processed slides, transparencies, kinescopes, video tapes, maps, charts, globes, pictorial works, including pictures and picture sets, reproductions, photographs, graphic works, and any other audio/visual materials of a similar nature made.

3. No school district shall be required to purchase or otherwise acquire school library materials, the cost of which shall exceed an amount equal to four dollars multiplied by the sum of the public school district enrollment and the nonpublic enrollment of nonpublic schools within the school district in the base year. Enrollment shall be as defined in subdivision one of section thirty-six hundred two of this chapter.

4. The commissioner, in addition to the annual apportionment of public monies pursuant to other articles of this chapter, shall apportion to each school district an amount equal to the cost of the school library materials purchased by the district pursuant to this section, but in no case shall the aid apportioned to the district exceed an average of four dollars per pupil as defined in subdivision three of this section. The apportionment provided for in this section shall be paid at such times as may be determined by the commissioner and approved by the director of the budget, during the school year in which the expenditures are made to the extent that such expenditures have been made and reported to the department prior to such apportionment.

**STATE FORMULA AIDS AND ENTITLEMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
IN NEW YORK STATE
(AS AMENDED BY CHAPTERS OF THE LAWS OF 1999)**

**BB. LIBRARY MATERIALS AID
[Section 711 of the Education Law]
(1999-00 Estimated Total = \$15.3 Million)**

Each public school district may claim an apportionment of Library Materials Aid in an amount equal to the product of \$6 multiplied by the number of pupils attending schools within the school district's boundaries and enrolled during the 1998-99 (base) school year in grades K-12 in a public or nonpublic school. Each public school district is required to use such funds to purchase and loan library materials on an equitable basis for use by public and nonpublic students attending schools within the district's boundaries during the 1999-00 (current) school year. Aid is equal to the lesser of the maximum apportionment of \$6 per pupil or the actual expenditures incurred by the school district for purchase of library materials during 1998-99.

The amount of aid calculated pursuant to this formula is considered final and not subject to change after April 30 of the school year for which such aid is payable.

Budget Levels in New York State School Library Media Program Evaluation Rubric:

Non-Existent

No funds support the library program.

In Progress

Only funding is the NYS \$6 School Library Materials Aid.

Basic

NYS \$6 School Library Materials Aid and local funds from the District/City provide funding for new materials to maintain the collection.

Proficient

NYS \$6 School Library Materials Aid, local funds from the District/City, plus Federal funds support collection development.

Exemplary

Library Media Program budget consists of Federal, State, District/City, and grant funds to support resource-based teaching and learning. Long-range plan for library media program development and resources incorporated into school and district budget process.