

3530.1000 CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.

Regional library systems shall be designated as eligible by the commissioner of education provided they meet the criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 134.34, and the following:

A. Employment of a chief administrative officer who has had at least two years of public library administrative experience and has received the master's degree in library science from a library education program accredited by the American Library Association.

B. Regional library systems shall provide to LDS by June 30 of each even-numbered year a long range plan which addresses the succeeding five years. Upon request by the regional library system, LDS staff shall provide consultation and advice on the content of the long range plan. The plan shall include narrative descriptions, goals, and objectives which address the following:

(1) service area; including steps to encourage participation of appropriate adjacent nonparticipating counties and cities;

(2) funding; including cost projections to implement the first year of the plan;

(3) personnel; including projections of numbers and qualifications needed to implement the plan;

(4) collection development; including types and quantities, written materials selection policies of the applicant or of its members, a coordinated program of acquisition, identification and rectification of deficiencies, and sharing of resources;

(5) programs of service; including minimum hours of operation of public service outlets and provision of bookmobile service;

(6) physical facilities; including accessibility by persons with physical disabilities;

(7) multitype library cooperation; and

(8) any other topics deemed appropriate by the regional library system.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 134.32; 134.36*

History: *L 1998 c 398 art 5 s 55; L 2003 c 130 s 12; L 2004 c 294 art 5 s 21; L 2005 c 56 s 2*

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