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Rights & Responsibilities

LEARNER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Definition

The Learner's Bill of Rights was created as a response to declining student engagement in the learning process and declining skills. After the American Association of School Librarians revealed its New Standards for the 21st Century Learner, the Colorado School Library Leaders felt like the rights of learner's was missing from the final document. Through the document, students have a roadmap to identify the skills they posses and those they need to acquire to develop their abilities to learn and grow.

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TEACHER-LIBRARIAN'S BILL OF RESPONSIBILITIES

With all great power comes great responsibility. The Colorado "Power Libraries Program" committee also created the Teacher-Librarian's Bill of Responsibilities to compliment the Learner's Bill of Rights.

Kristin Fontichiaro, Judi Moreillon and Debbie Abilock. POWER LIBRARIES: Colorado's Highly Effective School Library Programs. 2011

The learner has the right to:

1. Question and be curious
2. Have personal taste
3. Choose how to learn and share understanding
4. Plan and participate in learning at an appropriate level
5. Grapple with challenging ideas or concepts
6. Access the information and resources needed
7. Participate in and contribute to a learning network
8. Think critically, solve problems and make decisions
9. Make mistakes and learn from them
10. Reflect on learning

The teacher-librarian will collaborate with other educators to:

1. Foster the free exchange of ideas
2. Provide open access to unrestricted resources for intellectual growth and personal enrichment
3. Support multiple paths to understanding for individual learning styles
4. Design student-centered learning experiences
5. Nurture students as they grapple ethically with challenging ideas and concepts
6. Cultivate creative and critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making
7. Promote questioning and curiosity
8. Value experimentation and risk-taking
9. Learn through inquiry and self-reflection
10. Learn from students, peers and other professionals