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## **The New U.S. *National School Library Standards*: Integrated Learning and Growth for Innovative School Librarian Preparation**

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**Abstract:** The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), the national professional association for school librarians in the United States and a division of the American Library Association (ALA), establishes professional standards that guide professional conduct. These standards have been updated on an ongoing basis to reflect changes in education policy, advances in technology and pedagogy, and dynamic shifts in professional role and place. The most recent version of the standards was released in November 2017 as *The National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries*. This presentation provides an overview of the National School Library Standards, outlines their relevance for school librarian education, and shares implementation strategies that enable meaningful pre-service application.