



LI 877

## *School Library Media Secondary Practicum*

### *Student Self Evaluation Form*

This form is to be completed by the practicum student and submitted to your professor.

Discuss your strengths and areas for improvement as evidenced in your practicum experiences. (It is expected that all students are likely to have both strengths and areas for improvement. Please use additional pages as necessary.)

Student Name: Megan Kohlman

Through the course of my secondary practicum, I have had so many opportunities to learn. I loved the time I was able to spend at ACMS, and I am grateful to have such a wonderful relationship with Heather Hawkins, my mentor librarian.

One of my strengths in the secondary setting is my experience with teaching middle school students. I am familiar with the state and the new Common Core standards as well as with the developmental stages of adolescents. Because of this familiarity, I feel comfortable planning lessons for middle and high school students. It is not a stretch or a stress for me to think about teaching lessons to this group of students. Understanding adolescents also makes it easier for me to think about how to promote and market the library to capture and hold their interest. This age group of students is fairly hit and miss when it comes to their desire to read and use the library, so marketing and teaching are especially important.

Another strength I have is my organizational skills. This is especially important in a library because I will be in charge of the collection and its organization. Keeping track of materials, ordering regularly, managing a budget, and planning events and promotions are all vital to the daily operations. If a librarian is unable to perform these tasks, things will fall apart.

The one weakness that I am more concerned with is my ability to manage the catalog system. I feel as though I have very little experience working with any specific system or with computerized cataloging. Though I did some of this during my practicum times, I have no idea what system will be used in the district in which I am eventually hired. I will definitely have a learning curve when it comes to working with the system. I do prefer, sometimes, to learn by doing, so this may be an asset when it comes to working with any given system.

*Megan Kohlman*

Student's Signature 10/27/12 Date