



Teacher Librarian Services Credentials Issued: 2007-08 to 2011-12

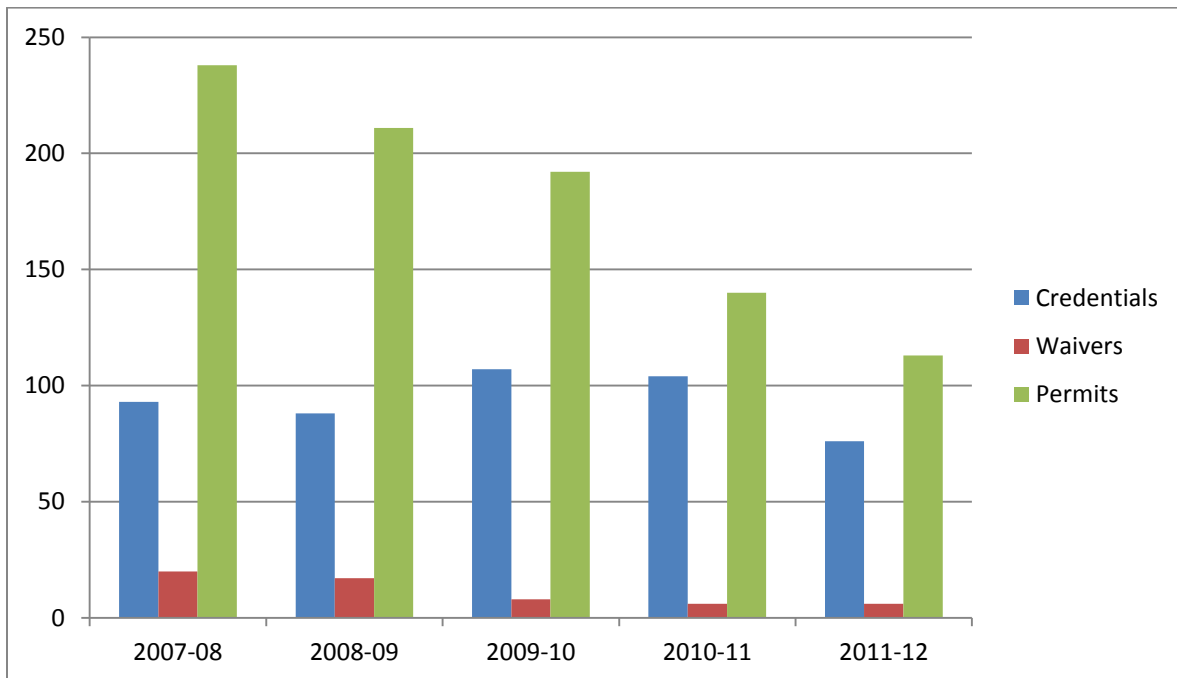
The Teacher Librarian Services Credential authorizes the holder to perform all of the following duties:

- Instruct pupils in the choice and use of library materials
- Plan and coordinate school library programs with the instructional programs of a school district
- Select materials for school and district libraries
- Coordinate or supervise library programs at the school district or county level
- Plan and conduct a course of instruction for those pupils who assist in the operation of school libraries
- Supervise classified personnel assigned school library duties
- Develop procedures for and management of the school and district libraries

Every year, about 100 new credentials are issued for the Teacher Librarian Services credentials. Another 250-300 credentials were renewed each year in the past five years. The number of new credentials issued decreased by about 18 percent between 2007-08 and 2011-12.

The figure below illustrates the downward trend in the number of the permits, about 240 in 2007-08 to a little more than a hundred in 2011-12, a decline of 53 percent in the past five years. There was a decline in the number of waivers also, although the number is much smaller, from 20 in 2007-08 to 6 in 2011-12, a decline of 70 percent. It is noteworthy that the number of permits exceeded the total number of new credentials issued each year.

Credentials, Waivers, and Permits Issued for Teacher Librarians, 07-08 to 11-12



Data includes new (initial) credentials only; does not include renewals.

During the same time period, the number of school librarians in the California public schools also declined from 1,261 in 2007-08 to 834 in 2011-12, a decline of 34 percent. According to EdSource (2009-10), California ranks 51st in the country in the Librarian-Per-Pupil ratio <http://www.edsource.org/data-staff-pupil-ratios-2009-10.html>.