

Making the Grade

The Status of School Library Media Centers in the Sunshine State and How They Contribute to Student Achievement affirms that school library media programs positively impact student achievement when the following conditions exist:

- ✓More staffing
- ✓More resources
- ✓Larger per pupil budget
- ✓High Circulation
- ✓More student visits to the media center
- More internet accessible computers**
- ✓An electronic card catalog
- ✓An information literacy skills curriculum
- ✓The school and media center have a web page
- ✓Elementary flexible access

Note: SWE' Media Specialist does an outstanding job of reaching out to the community in support of early literacy through her Books 'n' Babies Program.

Copies of the complete Making the Grade study are available from your school library media center or for checkout from the District Media Services Dept. Please call 819-3947.

Making the Grade was the largest school library study ever completed which focused on student achievement and school grades. There were 1715 schools studied.
Those items with a check mark indicate where your school makes the grade.
Areas in red are not intended to be punitive, but to assist you in planning for next year.

Scheduling of Media Center
The District Media Handbook (pages 5.4 & 5.5) states that the district procedure for elementary schools is to have a flexible access schedule. The Illinois Study indicates that reading scores were 10% higher in schools where the media center functions on a flexible access schedule and the media specialist actively collaborates with the classroom teacher. For more information about flexible access see the American Library Association weblink listed below.

www.ala.org/aasl/positions/ps_flexible.html

NetTrekker Meaningful Searches			
As of 5/22/07	Highest ES	District Average	Our School
	179,297	25,214	479



Can you find these in your library?

- University trained & certified media specialist
- Library Support Staff
- Students engaged in learning
- Welcoming atmosphere
- Current Book Collection
- Recreational reading opportunities
- Brochures, bookmarks, and style sheets displayed
- New materials displayed
- Locations of materials clearly displayed
- Alternative scheduling options
- Evidence of collaborative planning
- Student & teacher input in library program
- Sufficient technology tools

State of the School Library Media Center

St. Johns County Schools

South Woods Elementary



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Statistics based on data 8/1/06 to 5/09/07.

STAFFING (data from FL study)

Personnel	State Avg	District #	Our School
Professional		1	1
Clerical	0.99	1	1
NBCT	0.97	6	
University Trained		22/30	no

Staffing meets SJCSD recommendations

Media PLC Hours Offered	District Avg	Hours earned
39.5	28.7	27.5

Budget	District Avg ES	Our School
Total	\$11,952.00	\$10,500
Total Pupils	721	594
Per Pupil Allocation	\$17.00	\$17.67

Note: Past district funding was \$19.00 per pupil. This figure was unfortunately reduced last year by the district to \$17.00. SWE Media Center is funded slightly above the district average.

Computers in Media Center

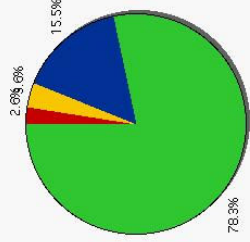
State Avg	District Elem Avg	Our School
20.79	16	10

Note: Computer statistics found on pg.45 of FL

FCAT Level Circulations

Levels	1	2	3	4	5
Sch. Total	781	704	1132	1002	53
Per Stu Circ.	15.01	18.05	20.21	22.77	18.05
ES Avg.	21.55	19.7	19.84	18.4	16.2

Age of Collection



Note: Your collection is in excellent shape with over 75% of your materials from 1990 or better. Continue to add new titles with copyright dates from the 2000's.

Total Collection Information Registered with Sunlink

State	State %	SJCS D	SJCSD %	SWE	SWE %
2,585,963	9.9%	16,823	7.98%	104	2.55%
3,297,181	12.6%	26,447	12.54%	146	3.58%
9,205,927	35.2%	74,011	35.11%	632	15.52%
11,079,969	42.3%	93,462	44.34%	3189	78.33%

- 30 years or older
- 20 to 30 years
- 10 to 20 years
- 10 years or newer

Average Total Book Count (pgs. 55-56 FL Study)				
	National	State	District	Our School
Books per facility	10,992	11,278	12,688	9,367
Books per student		13.1	18.53	15.77

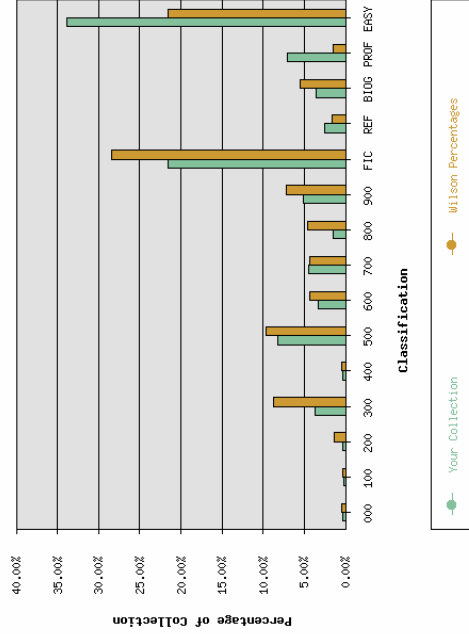
SWE meets SACS standards for libraries with more than 10 books per students.

Magazines ~ Periodicals (pg. 55 FL Study)			
	State Avg.	District Avg.	Our School Avg.
Per pupil	20.53	21	18

Reading Incentive Programs (pg. 39 FL Study)			
	District	ES	Our School
AR/RC	17 schools		✓
SSYRA/FRA	17 schools		✓✓

Average Checkout Per Student (pg. 22 FL Study and Super Summary)			
	State Avg.	District Avg.	DCE Avg.
Per pupil	20.53	33	38.8

Weekly Circulation (pg. 22 FL Study and Super Summary)			
	State Avg.	District Avg.	Our School Avg.
All Materials	508	647	678



Based on the above chart you may wish to consider additional purchases in the 200's, 300's, 500's, 600's, 800's, 900's, Fiction and Biography in order to create a balanced collection

Interlibrary Loan			
	Within District	District	Outside District
School			
ES School			

Hours Per Week Media Center is Open (pg.21 FL Study)				
	State	District	Our School	
Before School	2.22	2.61	2.5	
During School	29.72	29.3	29.5	
After School	2.76	3.85	7	