

# 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: At the time these statistics were accumulated Mill Creek was under staffed and did not have a flexible access schedule. This situation has been remedied for the 2007-2008 school year.*

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](http://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	9,401



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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

**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	yes

**Staffing meets SJCSD recommendations**

Media PLC Hours Offered	District Avg	Hours earned
39.5	28.7	26.5

Budget	District Avg ES	Our School
Total	\$11,952.00	\$23,680.00
Total Pupils	721	1328
Per Pupil Allocation	\$17.00	\$17.83

*Note: Past district funding was \$19.00 per pupil. This figure was unfortunately reduced last year by the district to \$17.00. MCE media budget allotment was slightly higher than the district average.*

**Computers in Media Center**

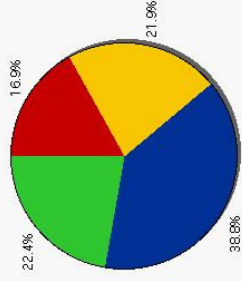
State Avg	District Elem Avg	Our School
20.79	16	12

*Note: Computer statistics found on pg.45 of FL*

**FCAT Level Circulations**

Levels	1	2	3	4	5
Sch. Total	426	281	1445	1499	370
Per Stu Circ.	9.26	10.4	12.9	13.5	14.23
ES Avg.	21.55	19.7	19.84	18.4	16.2

**Age of Collection**



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

**Total Collection Information Registered with Sunlink**

State	State %	SJCS D	SJCSD %	MCE	MCE %
2,585,963	9.9%	16,823	7.98%	1739	16.89%
3,297,181	12.6%	26,447	12.54%	2256	21.91%
9,205,927	35.2%	74,011	35.11%	3996	38.82%
11,079,969	42.3%	93,462	44.34%	2301	22.35%

**Note: Your collection is dated with only 8.59% of your materials having publication dates under 5 years. Continue to weed older titles and add new titles with copyright dates from the 2000's.**

**Average Total Book Count (pgs. 55-56 FL Study)**

	Na-tional	State	District	Our School
Books per facility	10,992	11,278	12,688	13,755
Books per student	13.1	18.53	10.91	

**MCE 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	28

**Reading Incentive Programs (pg. 39 FL Study)**

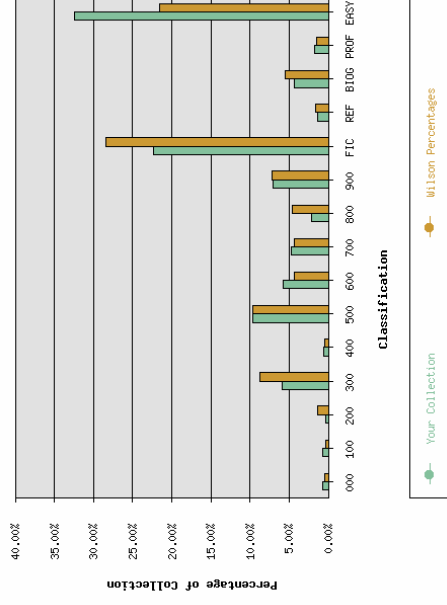
	District ES	Our School
AR/RC	17 schools	√
SSYRA/FRA	17 schools	√√

**Average Checkout Per Student (pg. 22 FL Study and Super Summary)**

	State Avg.	District Avg.	MCE Avg.
Per pupil	20.53	33	16.86

**Weekly Circulation (pg. 22 FL Study and Super Summary)**

	State Avg.	District Avg.	Our School Avg.
All Materials	508	647	658



**Your collection appears to be well balanced. You may wish to consider additional purchases in the 300's, 800's and Fiction.**

**Interlibrary Loan**

	Within 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	6