

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
- ✓Middle School flexible access

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 MS	District Average	Our School
	112,059	51,959	22,518



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

R.J. Murray Middle School



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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	yes

Staffing meets SJCSD recommendations

Media PLC Hours Offered	District Avg	Hours earned
39.5	28.7	37
For PD online Reading Component 2	facilitator	

Budget	District Avg MS	Our School
Total	\$17,511.67	\$15,200
Total Pupils	1,005	887
Per Pupil Allocation	\$17.45	\$17.33

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

Computers in Media Center

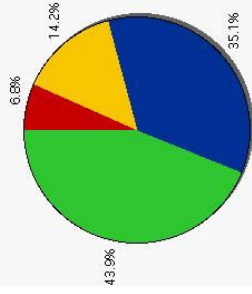
State Avg	District MS Avg	Our School
20.79	37	16

Note: Computer statistics found on pg.45 of

FC/AT Level Circulations

Levels	1	2	3	4	5
Sch. Total	1335	1147	1316	846	131
Per Stu Circ.	8.04	9.03	8.43	9.19	5.45
MS Avg.	10.1	9.8	8.7	8.98	7.99

Age of Collection



Note: About 75% of your collection is from 1990 or better. Continue to add new titles with copyright dates from the 2000's.

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

	National	State	District	Our School
Books per facility	10,992	11,278	12,697	9,315
Books per student		13.1	13	10.62

MMS 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	17.6	10

Reading Incentive Programs (pg. 39 FL Study)

	District MS	Our School
AR/RC	6 schools	✓
SSYRA	6 schools	✓

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

	State Avg.	District Avg.	MMS Avg.
Per pupil	20.53	16	9.5

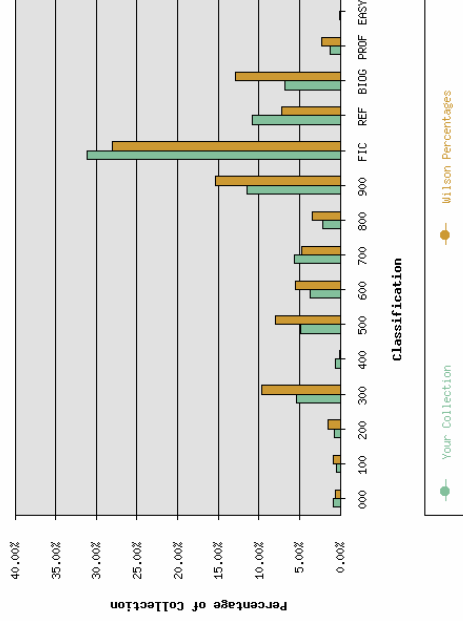
Weekly Circulation (pg. 22 FL Study and Super Summary)

	State Avg.	MS District Avg.	Our School Avg.
All Materials	508	458	466

Total Collection Information Registered with Sunlink

State	State %	SJCSD %	SJCSD %	MMS %	MMS %
2,585,963	9.9%	16,823	7.98%	552	6.78%
3,297,181	12.6%	26,447	12.54%	1154	14.17%
9,205,927	35.2%	74,011	35.11%	2857	35.10%
11,079,969	42.3%	93,462	44.34%	3576	43.93%

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



Your collection appears to be balanced. You may wish to consider additional purchases in the 300's, 500's, 600's, 800's, 900's, and Biography.

Interlibrary Loan

	Within District	Outside District
School		
MS School		

Hours Per Week Media Center is Open (pg.21 FL Study)

	State	District	Our School
Before School	2.22		4
During School	29.72	29.5	29.5
After School	2.76		0