

## 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: OPE was in transition this past year and did not implement the suggested district policy regarding flexible access scheduling until later in the year. If they proceed with a flexible access schedule they should see improvements in their Level 1-4 FCAT circulation.*

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	47,993



### 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

## Ocean Palms 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	yes

**Staffing meets SJCSD recommendations**

Media PLC Hours Offered	District Avg	Hours earned
39.5	28.7	36.5

Budget	District Avg ES	Our School
Total	\$11,952.00	\$13,961.00
Total Pupils	721	795
Per Pupil Allocation	\$17.00	\$17.56

Note: Past district funding was \$19.00 per pupil. This figure was unfortunately reduced last year by the district to \$17.00. OPE media has been funded slightly above the district average.

**Computers in Media Center**

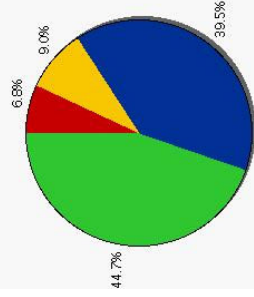
State Avg	District Elem Avg	Our School
20.79	16	37

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

**FCAT Level Circulations**

Levels	1	2	3	4	5
Sch. Total	249	245	1124	1973	433
Per Stu Circ.	13.83	11.13	16.52	15.65	18.38
ES Avg.	21.55	19.7	19.84	18.4	16.2

**Age of Collection**



**Total Collection Information Registered with Sunlink**

State	State %	SJCS D	SJCSD %	OPE %
2,585,963	9.9%	16,823	7.98%	824
3,297,181	12.6%	26,447	12.54%	1086
9,205,927	35.2%	74,011	35.11%	4767
11,079,969	42.3%	93,462	44.34%	5398

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

**Note: Your collection is in fairly good shape with well over 50% of your materials from 1990 or better. Continue to weed and 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	12,688
Books per student	13.1	18.53	18.91

**OPE 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	5

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

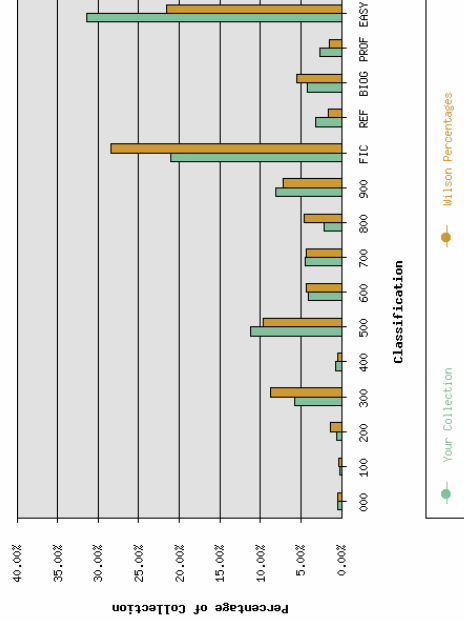
	District ES	Our School
AR/RC	17 schools	✓
SSYRA/FRA	17 schools	✓✓

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

	State Avg.	District Avg.	OPE Avg.
Per pupil	20.53	33	30.06

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

	State Avg.	District Avg.	Our School Avg.
All Materials	508	647	703



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

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