

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

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	5,471



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

Sebastian 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	24

Budget	District Avg ES	Our School
Total	\$11,952.00	\$13,015
Total Pupils	721	750
Per Pupil Allocation	\$17.45	\$17.35

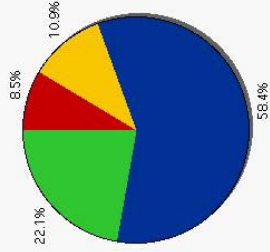
Note: Past district funding was \$19.00 per pupil. This figure was unfortunately reduced last year by the district to \$17.00. SMS is funded media slightly below the district average.

Computers in Media Center		
State Avg	District Middle School Avg	Our School
20.79	16	10

Note: Computer statistics found on pg.45 of

Levels	FCAT Level Circulations				
	1	2	3	4	5
Sch. Total	1129	795	2260	1684	238
Per Stu Circ.	13.93	9.93	10.31	11.07	10.34
MS Avg.	10.1	9.8	8.79	8.98	7.99

Age of Collection



Note: Over 50% 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	SJCS %	SJCSD %	SMS	SMS%
2,585,963	9.9%	16,823	7.98%	1,095	1,095	8.53%
3,297,181	12.6%	26,447	12.54%	1,403	1,403	10.93%
9,205,927	35.2%	74,011	35.11%	7,499	7,499	58.43%
11,079,969	42.3%	93,462	44.34%	2,836	2,836	22.09%

- 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)

	Na-tional	State Dis- trict	Our School
Books per facility	10,992	11,278	12,697
Books per student	13.1	13	20.13

SMS 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	23

Reading Incentive Programs (pg. 39 FL Study)

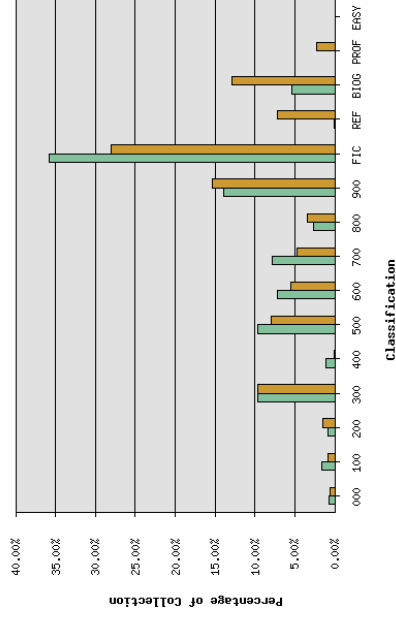
	District MS	Our School
AR/RC	6 schools	✓
SSYRA	6 schools	✓

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

	State Avg.	District Avg.	SMS Avg.
Per pupil	20.53	16	21.23

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

	State Avg.	District Avg.	Our School Avg.
All Materials	508	647	468



Your collection appears to be well balanced. You may wish to consider additional purchases in Biography and the Reference area.

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		0
During School	29.72		29.5
After School	2.76		0