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PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER QUESTIONNAIRE SCHOOLS AND STAFFING SURVEY 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR



(Please correct any errors in name, address, and ZIP Code.)

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0050	T 1 Yes 2 No H	If you answered "No," it is very important that you call the Census Bureau toll free at 1–800–221–1204.
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	à Δ Library	Media Center is an organized collection of printed and/or audiovisual and/or

- A Library Media Center is an organized collection of printed and/or audiovisual and/or computer resources which is administered as a unit, is located in a designated place or places, and makes resources and services available to students, teachers, and administrators.
- A Library Media Center may be called a library, media center, resource center, information center, instructional materials center, learning resource center, or some other name.

1 Yes - Continue with this questionnaire or give it to the individual who is responsible for this school's library media center, e.g., the librarian or library media specialist.

STOP NOW AND RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE CENSUS BUREAU IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

DEAR PRINCIPAL:

 \blacksquare See the enclosed letter for information on completing this survey over the Internet.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS SURVEY?

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in this survey. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey by the authority of Section 406(b) of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended (20 USC 1221e).

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY?

We are conducting this survey with only a sample of school library media centers. Therefore, the value of your individual contribution is greatly increased because it represents many other school library media centers. We encourage you to participate in this voluntary survey.

THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY:

American Association of School Administrators

American Counseling Association

American Federation of Teachers

American Library Association

American Association of School Librarians

Council of Chief State School Officers

Council of Great City Schools

Department of Middle Level Services, National Association of Secondary School Principals National Association of Elementary **School Principals**

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National Education Association

National Middle School Association

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT.

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GARY W. PHILLIPS

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We hope you will respond over the Internet if you can; otherwise, please complete this questionnaire.

Why Report Over the Internet?

- Fast--Sail through the questions.
- Easy--Just scroll and click.
- Convenient--You may stop and start as often as you want.
 - You may print out the survey and save your answers.
 - When finished, click one button--there's no need to mail back a paper form.
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 This website is also provided at the end of the survey.
- Answering the survey over the Internet reduces costs to the taxpayer.

To Report Over the Internet

If you have Netscape version 3 or higher OR Microsoft Internet Explorer version 3 or higher, you can complete this survey over the Internet.

To report over the Internet, follow these four steps:

- O Go to our website: http://www.census.gov/casro/survey
- 2 Enter your username:
- 3 Enter your password, per the instructions on the screen.
- Read the instructions on the screen and begin filling out the survey.

If you have any questions, please call our Web help desk at 1-800-523-3205.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- •We suggest that you use a pencil or ball point pen to complete this questionnaire.
- Report data for this school's library media center only.
- •"Library media center" is the phrase used throughout the questionnaire to cover what may be called any of the following: library, media center, resource center, information center, instructional material center, learning resource center, or some other name.
- if you are unsure about how to answer a question, give the best answer you can, and make a comment in the "Your Comments" section on pages 7, 8, and 13. Please do not write any comments near the answer spaces.
- **☎**If you have any questions, call the Census Bureau at 1–800–221–1204. Someone will be available to take our call Monday through Friday 8:30 am–5:00 pm (Eastern Time).

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	Please keep track of the time you spend completing this end of the survey, you are asked to record the amo			
I	Facilities – We are interested in learning about the facilities library media center. These questions ask about the organ center.	s that a ization	re available v of your librai	within the ry media
1.	How is this library media center organized?			
0052	1 Centralized (one area in one building)			
	Decentralized (collections or services available in more campus or in another building)	than or	ne location or	n a
2.	What is the total seating capacity of the library media c	enter?		
0053	Seats			
3.	Are the following types of areas located within this sch library media center?	ool's	Mark (X) on each	
a.	Individual reading, viewing, and listening	0054	1 Yes	₂ No
b.	Small group (5 persons or less) activity areas (viewing or listening)	0055	1 Yes	2 No
C.	Large group (more than 5 persons) activity areas (viewing or listening)	0056	1 Yes	₂ No
d.	Work area (where library staff order, label, etc.)	0057	1 Yes	₂ No
e.	Media production area (where library media specialists, teachers or students produce tapes, slides, etc.)	0058	1 Yes	₂ No
f.	Conference rooms	0059	1 Yes	₂ No
g.	Computer access area or lab	0060	1 Yes	₂ No
4a.	Can this library media center accommodate a full class	of stu	dents at one	e time?
0061	■1 Yes			
	2 ☐ No → (If "No," go to item 5 on page 5.)			
b.	If a full class is working in the library media center, can accommodated concurrently, such as production activing group work, individual browsing?	other ties, co	activities bo	e small
0062	1 Yes			
	2 L No			

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Staffing – These questions ask about the number of professional, clerical and volunteer staff in your library and the highest degrees held by the professional staff members.

5. Does this library media center ha	ve any paid library aides or clerical staff?
Do not include volunteers.	
0070 1 Yes – If "Yes," How many are	- 0071 Full-time
2 No _k	At least 3/4 time but less than full-time
If "No," go to item 6.	OD73 At least 1/2 time but less than 3/4 time
	Less than 1/2 time
	Total paid library aides or clerical staff.
6. Does this library media center ha certified as library media speciali *Do not include library aides or paid	
0076 1 Yes – If "Yes," How many are	- 0077 Full-time
2 No	0078 At least 3/4 time but less than full-time
If "No," go to item 7.	OO79 At least 1/2 time but less than 3/4 time
	0080 Less than 1/2 time
	Total paid professional staff NOT certified as library media specialists.
this state as LIBRARY MEDIA SPI	ve paid professional staff who are CERTIFIED in ECIALISTS? certified if he/she has met your state's regular or
standard certification requirements	
Include those who have completed certification upon completion of a particle.	all necessary course work and are eligible for full probationary period.
0082 1 Yes – If "Yes," How many are	- 0083 Full-time
2 No _{F}	At least 3/4 time but less than full-time
If "No," go to item 8 on page 6.	At least 1/2 time but less than 3/4 time
o on page o.	0086 Less than 1/2 time
	Total paid professional staff certified as library media specialists in this state.

8.	Did you mark "NO" to item 6 AND item 7 on page 5?		
0088	1 ☐ Yes → (If "Yes," go to item 10a on page 7.)		
┰	-₂		
9.	For this item: © Count each professional staff member only ONCE. Report each person by his/her highest degree earned. If no paid professional staff have a particular degree as their highest degree, mark the "None" box for that degree.		
	If this library media center does not have any paid professional staff, skip to item 10a on page 7.		
	ò Do not include library aides or clerical staff.		
a.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have earned a doctoral degree as their highest degree?		
	3		
0089	0 None or Staff members		
b.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have earned an education specialist or professional diploma (at least one year beyond the master's level) as their highest degree?		
0090	0 None or Staff members		
C.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a master's degree in librarianship, educational media, instructional design, instructional technology, library science or information science as their highest degree?		
0091	None or Staff members		
d.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a master's degree in a field OTHER THAN librarianship, educational media, instructional design, instructional technology, library science or information science as their highest degree?		
0092	0 None or Staff members		
e.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a master's degree in a library related field PLUS a second master's degree as their highest degrees?		
0093	0 None or Staff members		
f.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a bachelor's degree as their highest degree?		
0094	0 None or Staff members		
g.	How many of the paid professional library media center staff have an associate's degree as their highest degree?		
0095	0 None or Staff members		

10a.	Do any volunteers provide services for the library media center?		
0096	1		
₩			
b.	During the most recent full week of school, what was the total number of regularly scheduled volunteers in the library media center who were –		
	(1) Adult volunteers?		
0097	o ☐ None or ☐ Adult volunteers		
	(2) Student volunteers or aides?		
0098	None or Student volunteers		
11.	Does the school staff member with primary responsibility for this library media center spend time in another school (e.g., an itinerant library media specialist)?		
0099	1 Yes		
	₂ No		
	0 No school staff member has primary responsibility for the library media center		
12a.	Do you have a district library media center coordinator?		
0100	■1 Yes		
2 ☐ No → If "No," go to item 13 on page 8.			
b.	Is there a full-time district library media center coordinator?		
0101	1 Yes		
	₂ No		
YOUR	2 COMMENTS		
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Technology – These items ask about technology resources in your school. Some questions ask about resources within the library media center and others ask about resources that may be located in other parts of the school.

13.	Is the following equipment located within this library media center?
a.	Telephone
0102	1 Yes
	2 No
b.	Fax machine
0103	1 Yes
	2 No
c.	Automated circulation system
0104	1 Yes
	2 L No
d.	Video laser disc or DVD
0105	1 Yes
	2 No
e.	Technology to assist patrons with disabilities (e.g., TDD, specially equipped work stations)
0106	1 Yes
	² No
YOU	R COMMENTS

Are the following electronic services available in the library media center either through stand-alone terminals, library local area network (LAN), building-wide LAN, or district wide area network (WAN)? Mark (X) all that apply. **Building-**Stand Library **District** Not alone wide LAN WAN available LAN computer a. Automated catalogs 0107 1 0108 1 0109 1 0110 1 0111 1 b. CD-ROMS 0112 1 0113 1 0114 1 0115 1 0116 1 c. Internet access (e.g., Netscape, Internet Explorer) . 0117 1 0118 1 0119 1 0120 1 0121 1 0122 1 0123 1 0124 1 0125 1 0126 1 e. Electronic full-text 0127 1 0128 1 0129 1 0130 1 0131 1 Does this school have any television sets or video monitors? Yes 0132 If "No," go to item 22 on page 11. How does this school receive its television programming? a. Cable television 1 Yes 0133 No b. Broadcast television 0134 1 Yes No c. Closed circuit television 1 Yes 0135 2 No d. Satellite dish Yes → If "Yes," Is the satellite dish - 0137 1

> Steerable Don't know

No

17.	Does this library media center have multimedia production facilities (a computer using any text, full color, images and graphics, video, animation and sound)?
0138	1 Yes
	2 No
18a.	Does this library media center use prerecorded video tapes?
0139	
↓	2 No → If "No," go to item 19.
b.	How are the prerecorded video tapes acquired for this library media center?
	♦ Mark (X) all that apply.
0140	1 Loan
0141	1 Rental
0142	1 Purchase
0143	1 Gift
19.	Does this school or school district belong to a state or regional consortium which purchases the rights to tape programs broadcast via cable or satellite?
0144	1 Yes
	₂ No
	3 Don't know
20a.	Does this school have in-house television production facilities?
0145	■1 Yes
\downarrow	2 No → If "No," go to item 21.
b.	Are these programs shown -
	(1) Within the school?
0146	1 Yes
	₂ No
	(2) Quitaida tha cabaal2
	(2) Outside the school?
0147	1 ∐ Yes □
	2 ∐ No
21.	Does this school participate in distance learning? For example, are any lessons taught via television, satellite, or computer network?
0148	1 Yes
	₂ No
	3 Don't know

IV

1998–1999 – Collections and Expenditures – The items in this section ask about the size and currency of your library media collection. Some of the items ask about the budget and expenditures. If you are not able to give an exact amount, please provide your best estimate.

- 22. During the 1998-1999 school year, what were the total holdings, additions, and expenditures for the library media center for each of the following kinds of materials?
 - Report only materials administered by the library media center.

		Total number held at the END of the 1998–1999 school year.	Number ACQUIRED DURING the 1998–1999 school year.	Report the amount spent for rental and purchase during the 1998–1999 school year. Round to the nearest dollar.
	Category	(1) 0149	0150	0151
a.	BOOKS (count all copies)			\$
b.	VIDEO MATERIALS (tape, DVD or laser disc titles. Do not	0152	0153	0154
	report duplicates)			\$.00
c.	CD-ROM TITLES (Do not report duplicates)	0155	0156	\$.
d.	CURRENT PRINT OR MICROFORM PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	0158	0159	0160
	(Do not report duplicates)			\$.00
		0161	0162	0163
e.	ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTIONS			\$.00
23.	During the 1998 types of materia	-1999 school year, w Is listed above (in ite	hat was the TOTAL om 22) for this library	expenditure for the media center?
	include all experts for specific item		rials, even if you are u	nable to provide expenditures
	This total may b	e greater than the sum	of expenditures repor	ted in column (3) of item 22.
164	o None or	\$.00	

24.	What is the copyright date of this library media • Report the four-digit year.	center's most recent
0165 a	. General knowledge encyclopedia?	or 0166 0 None available
0167 b	o. World atlas?	None available
25.	For each of the following Dewey decimal number volumes were purchased for this library media of year?	ers or categories, how many center during the 1998-99 school
	Do NOT include classroom collections unless they are administered by the library media center.	Volumes purchased during the
	Dewey Decimal Number/Category	1998–1999 school year
	616/Medicine and health	0169
	629.4/Space	0170
	320/Government	0171
	914/European geography and travel	0172
26.	During the 1998-1999 school year how many vo purchase for its PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION F development, instructional practice, educational	OR TEACHERS (e.g., curriculum
	• Do not include classroom collections unless they are library media center.	administered by the
0173	Volumes purchased during 1998–1999	school year
27.	During the 1998-1999 school year, what was the hardware, other than communications equipme	e total expenditure for computer
	include expenditures for purchase, rental, and/or le	
	Report the amount in whole dollars.	
0174	o None or \$.00	
28.	During the 1998-1999 school year, what was th audio-visual equipment for this library media ce	
	include expenditures for purchase, rental, repair, a	
0175	o None or \$.00	



Scheduling and Transactions – We are interested in learning about the use of this library media center. The questions in this section ask about scheduling for use by students and teachers.

29a.	Which of the following best describes the type of scheduling for classes in the library media center?
	Mark (X) only one box.
0176	All classes flexibly scheduled -classes, small groups, and individuals are scheduled for varying time periods appropriate to need GO to item 30.
	■2 All classes regularly scheduled (previously specified times)
↓	Some classes regularly scheduled, other classes flexibly scheduled
b.	How frequent are the scheduled periods?
	Mark (X) only one box.
0177	1 Weekly
	2 Once every 2 weeks
	3 Varies by grade level
30.	Who makes library media center scheduling decisions?
	ồ Mark (X) all that apply.
0178	1 Principal
0179	1 Library media center staff
0180	1 Site-based management team
0181	1 Union (through contract negotiations)
0182	1 School district
0183	Library media center staff collaborating with classroom teachers.
YOU	R COMMENTS

31a.	When may students use the library media center independently?			
0184	■1 During scheduled periods/set times			
	2 ☐ Anytime → If "anytime," go to item 32.			
	Never – Students are not allowed to use independently → If "never," <i>go to item 32.</i>			
b.	What are the scheduled periods/set times?			
	⋒ Mark (X) all that apply.			
0185	1 Before or after school			
0186	1 During lunch break			
0187	During set times throughout the day			
0188	1 Between classes or during recess			
32.	During the most recent full week of school, how many times was this library media center used by the following kinds of school groups?			
a.	Groups of 2 or more classes at the same time			
0189	0 None or Times per week			
b.	One class only			
0190	o ☐ None or ☐ Times per week			
c.	Small groups (less than a full class)			
0191	0 None or Times per week			
33.	Is the library media center scheduled to provide teacher release or preparation time?			
0192	1 Yes			
	₂ No			
34.	During the most recent full week of school, how many times was the library media center space used by groups for non-library related activities?			
0193	0 None or Limes per week			
35.	During the most recent full week of school, how many students used the library media center?			
	• Provide your best estimate of students coming through your doors, individually and in groups.			
0194	Students per week			

36.	During the most recent full week of school, what was the total number of books and other materials checked out from the library media center?							
	include items checked out by all persons.							
0195	Total							
37a.	What is the maximum number of books that a student may take out of the library media center at a time?							
	★ Mark (X) only one box.							
0196	1 May not borrow							
	₂ 1–2 books							
	3 3–5 books							
	4 G or more books							
	5 Varies by grade level							
b.	Which of the following may students take out of the library media center?							
	™ Mark (X) all that apply.							
0197	1 Reference material							
0198	1 Periodicals							
0199	1 AV materials							
0200	1 AV equipment							
0201	1 Computer software (includes CD-ROM)							
0202	1 Computer hardware							
0203	None of the above							
38.	Are the following persons allowed to check out materials?							
a.	Prekindergarten students							
0204	1 Yes							
	2 No							
	No prekindergarten students at this school							
b.	Kindergarten students							
0205	1 Yes							
	₂ No							
	0 No kindergarten students at this school							
c.	Parents							
0206	1 Yes							
	₂ No							

VI

Collaboration and Policy – Often library media center staff collaborate with classroom teachers to help them plan and deliver instruction. We are also interested in learning about certain policies this library media center may have in place.

39a.	Are you a library media sp	ecialist o	r school I	ibrarian?					
207	•₁ ☐ Yes								
↓	$_{2}$ \square No \rightarrow \bigcirc If "No," go to $_{1}$	item 40.)							
b.	Were you working in this school library last school year (1998-1999)?								
08	1 Yes								
Ţ	During the 1998-1999 school year, how frequently did you work with classroom teachers to plan and deliver instruction in each of the following curricular areas?								
C.									
	ournoulur ureus.	Frequency Mark (X) one box on each line.							
	Type of instruction	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Never	Not applicable		
	(1) Arts and humanities	1 🗌	2	3	4	5	6		
	0210 (2) English	1 🗌	2	3	4	5	6 🗆		
	(3) Foreign language	1 🗌	2	3 🗌	4	5	6 🗆		
	(4) Health/Physical education	1 🗌	2	3 🗌	4	5	6 🗆		
	(5) Math	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4	5	6		
	(6) Reading/Language 0214 arts	1 🗌	2	3	4	5	6 🗆		
	(7) Science	1 🗌	2	3	4	5	6 🗆		
	(8) Social studies	1 🗌	2 🗌	3	4	5	6		
	(9) Vocational/ Technical education	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4	5	6		
0.	Does this school have any of the following school board-approved policies?								
	Mark (X) all that apply.								
0218									
0219	., . ,								
0220									
1.	Does this school have a library policy and procedures manual?								
0221	1 Yes								
	2 No								

42. Please indicate how much time it took you to complete this form, not counting interruptions.

ĕPlease record the time in minutes, e.g., 50 minutes, 65 minutes, etc.

0222 Minutes

Thank you very much for your participation in this survey.

Please return this survey in the enclosed envelope. If you do not have the return envelope, call 1–800–221–1204, or mail your questionnaire to:

U.S. Census Bureau Current Projects Branch 1201 E. 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

Find out more about the Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS) and information about school library media centers that was collected last survey. See SASS on the World Wide Web at:

http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sass

Look for the report "School Library Media Centers: 1993-1994" under Publications (NCES 98-282).

Additional data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) on a variety of topics in elementary, secondary, postsecondary, and international education are available from NCES's Web site at:

http://nces.ed.gov

For additional data collected by various Federal agencies, including the Department of Education, visit the FedStats site at:

http://www.fedstats.gov