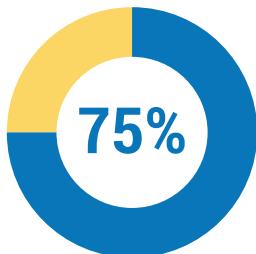


School Libraries: A Lesson in Student Success

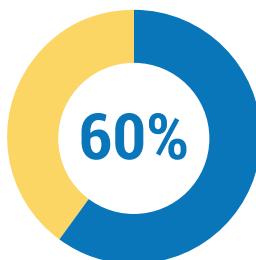
Contrary to popular belief, students do not instinctively know how to navigate the abundance of information available to them through traditional and digital resources.

In fact a recent survey of first-year college students found that....



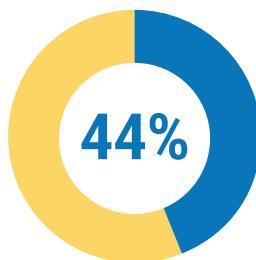
75% have no idea

how to locate articles and resources they need for their research.



60% don't verify

the accuracy or reliability of the information they find.



44% don't know

how to integrate knowledge from different sources.

Well-funded school libraries, staffed by certified school library media specialists, are transforming into learning centers that equip students with the skills they need to succeed.

Knowing about different resources and formats of information

Accessing information efficiently & effectively

Using information ethically

At least 70% of school librarians provide information literacy instruction in relation to:

Evaluating the quality of websites

Using information technology responsibly

Finding, evaluating, and selecting appropriate sources

Resource-Rich School Libraries

Quality Education & Student Success

State Certified Librarians

Students in programs with more school librarians and extended library hours score

8.4% to 21.8% higher
on ACT English tests and

11.7% to 16.7% higher
on ACT reading tests.

90% of students

recognize that their school library helps boost confidence in sorting and analyzing information they gather from books and other materials.

Nearly 92% of students

appreciate the school library's help in sorting and analyzing information and attaining media literacy.

71%

71% of school librarians are including digital citizenship - appropriate and responsible technology use - as part of their school or district curriculum.

52%

52% of school librarians are the primary teachers of digital citizenship in their school or district.

61%

61% of school library staff provide professional development for teachers in the use of digital content.

How does your school library stack up?



New Jersey Association of School Libraries (NJASL)

promotes excellence in school librarianship and advocates for strong school library media programs for all students. NJASL provides school library media specialists with educational opportunities and current information aligned with state and national learning standards to ensure that all school libraries empower students, faculty, and staff to become effective and ethical users and producers of information.

Learn more and view our video 'School Libraries: a Lesson in Student Success' at: www.NJASL.org

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