School Library Profiles - 2007-2008 School Year

THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
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This report covers the research findings presented in "How School Librarians Help Kids Achieve Standards: The Second Colorado Study" as well as those reported in Fast Facts No. 180 from the Library Research Service, which show that CSAP reading scores increase with improvements in school library programs. Various predictors of academic achievement are reported for the school and its peers. Note that these predictors cannot be explained away by school or community differences. For more information visit:

http://www.lrs.org/data-tools/school-libraries/impact-studies/
http://www.lrs.org/documents/fastfacts/180NRSxIL.pdf

The data reported here reflects your school's responses to the Annual Colorado School Library Survey.

THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grade Level: Middle
Enrollment Range: 500 - 699

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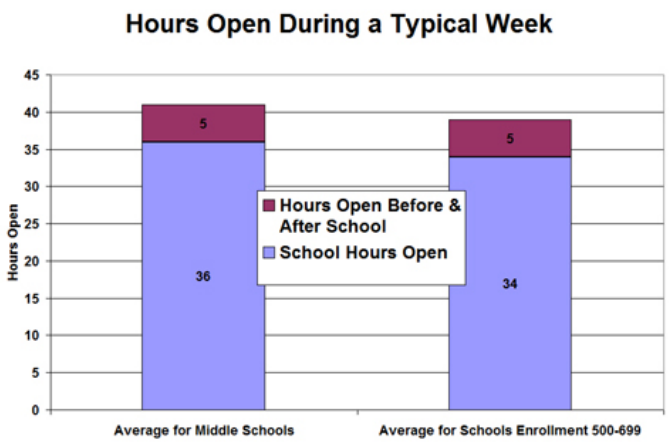
Weekly Service Levels

School Library Visits per Week

	Your School	Middle Schools Avg.	Avg. for Schools 500-699 Students
Ind. Student Visits	200	340	316
Visits per Student	0.29	0.60	0.54
Class/Group Visits	25	24	24

Choosing to visit the school library as an individual, separate from a class visit, is a strong indicator of higher test scores.



When access to school libraries is scheduled flexibly, reading scores improve 13-22%. Flexible scheduling allows students to visit the school library individually.

School Library Hours Open Per Week

	Your School
School Hours Open	40.0
Hours Open Before and After School	10.0

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School Library Program Development

School Library Collection

	Your School	Middle Schools Avg.	Avg. for Schools 500-699 Students
Number of Books	10,000	10,960	11,628
Books per Student	15	20	20
Print Subscriptions	15	17	14
Subs. per 100 Students	2	3.6	2.3
Avg. N-F Copyright	1992	1992	1993

Schools with well-developed school library programs average higher reading scores. Well-developed programs are indicated by staffing level, collection size and age, and expenditures.

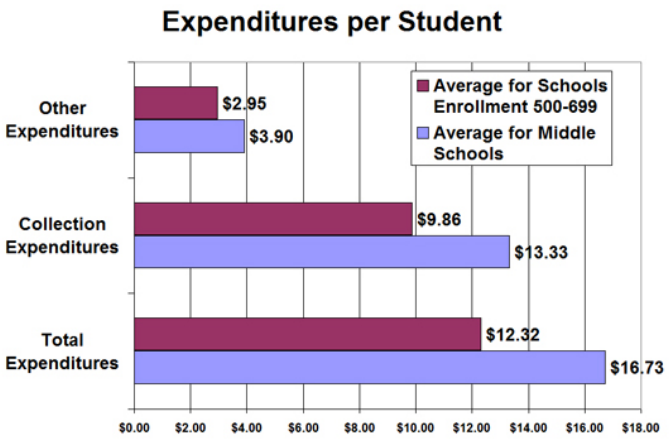
Computers per 100 Students

	Your School	Middle Schools Avg.	Avg. for Schools 500-699 Students
Library Computers w/Access to Resources	5.1	7.1	4.6
Other School Computers w/Access to Resources	18.1	20.3	17.8

* Note: For the purposes of this profile, the terms "School Library" and "Library Media Center" are equivalent. To maintain consistency, this profile uses the term "School Library."

Operating Expenses

CSAP reading test scores increase with increases in:
- **School Library staff hours per 100 Students**
- **Print volumes per student**
- **Periodical subscriptions per 100 students**
- **Electronic reference titles per 100 students**
- **School Library Expenditures per student**



School Library Expenditures

	Your School
Collection Expenditures	11.61
Other Expenditures	4.35
Total Expenditures	15.97