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State of School Libraries

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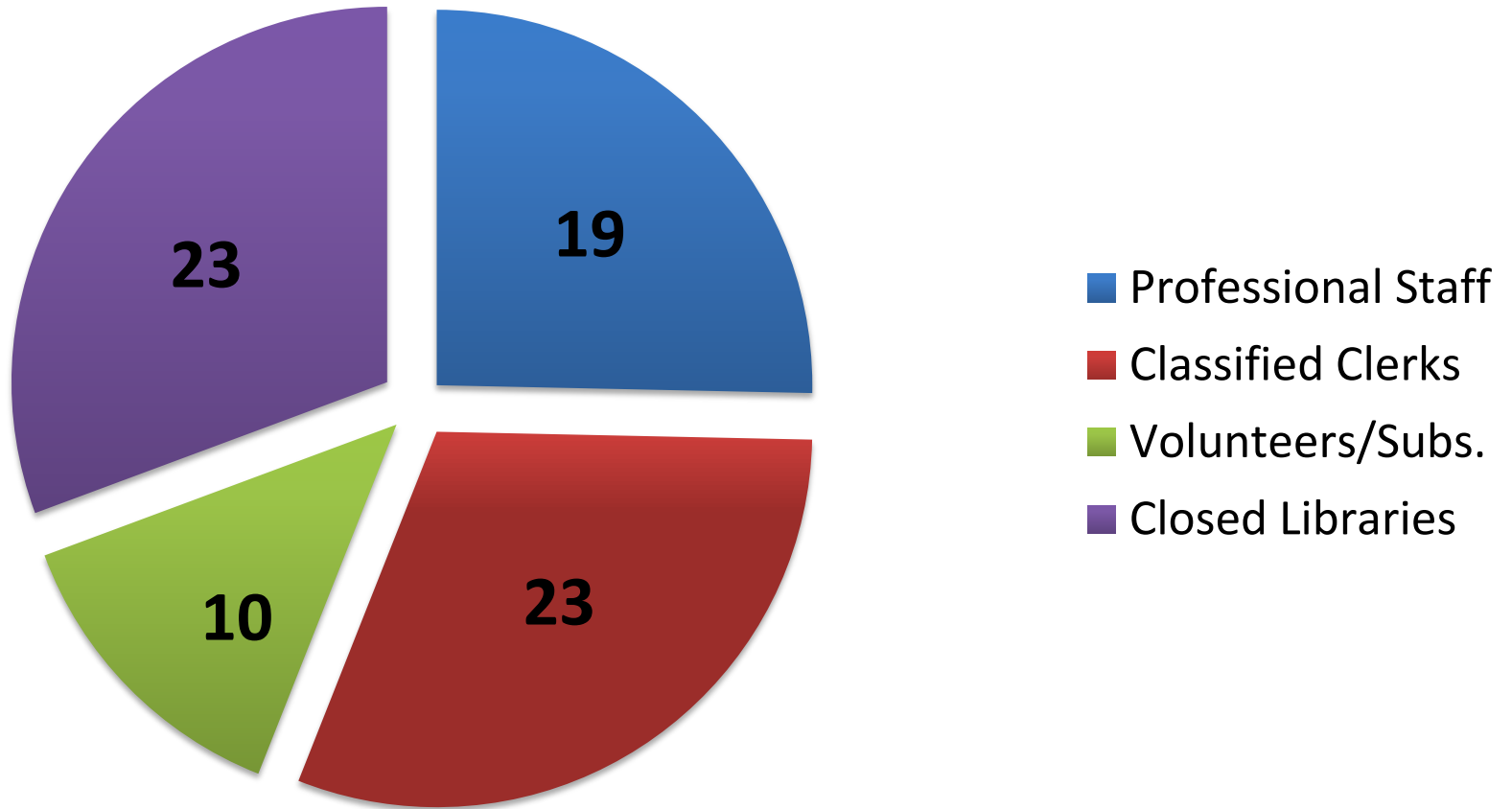
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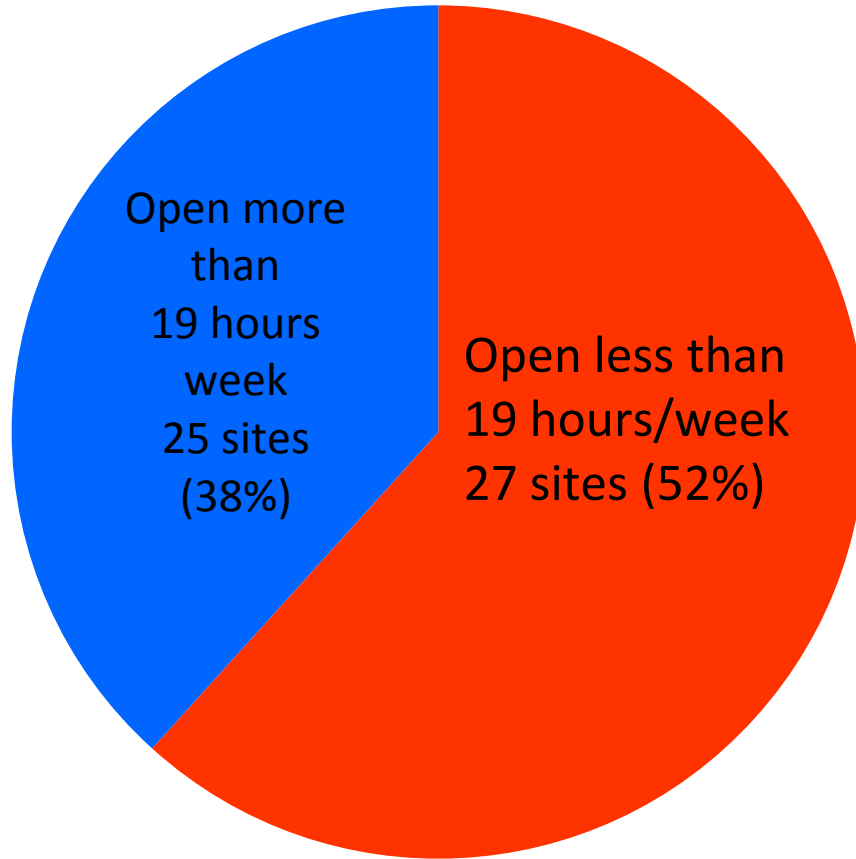
Agenda

1. Current Status of OUSD School Libraries
2. Components of a Quality School Library
3. Recommendations
4. Discussion

Current Staff of 75 OUSD Libraries

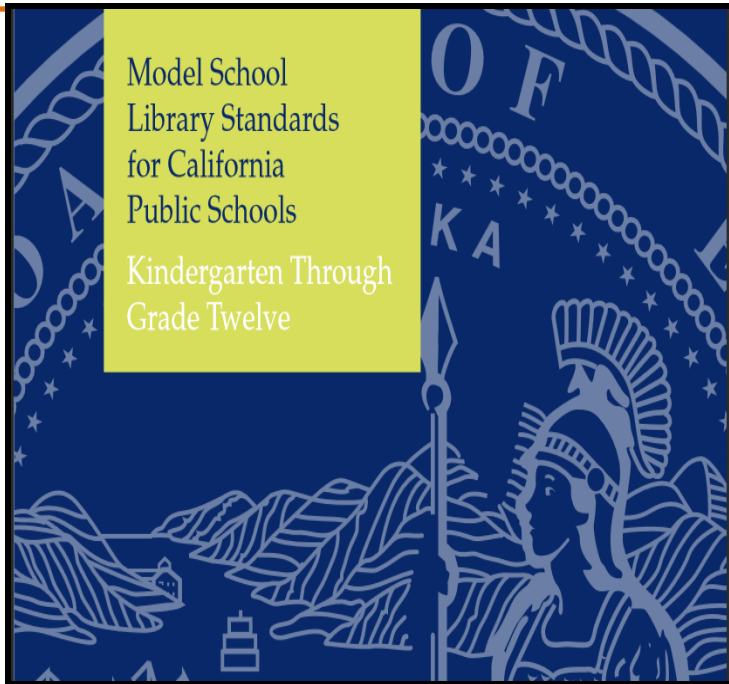


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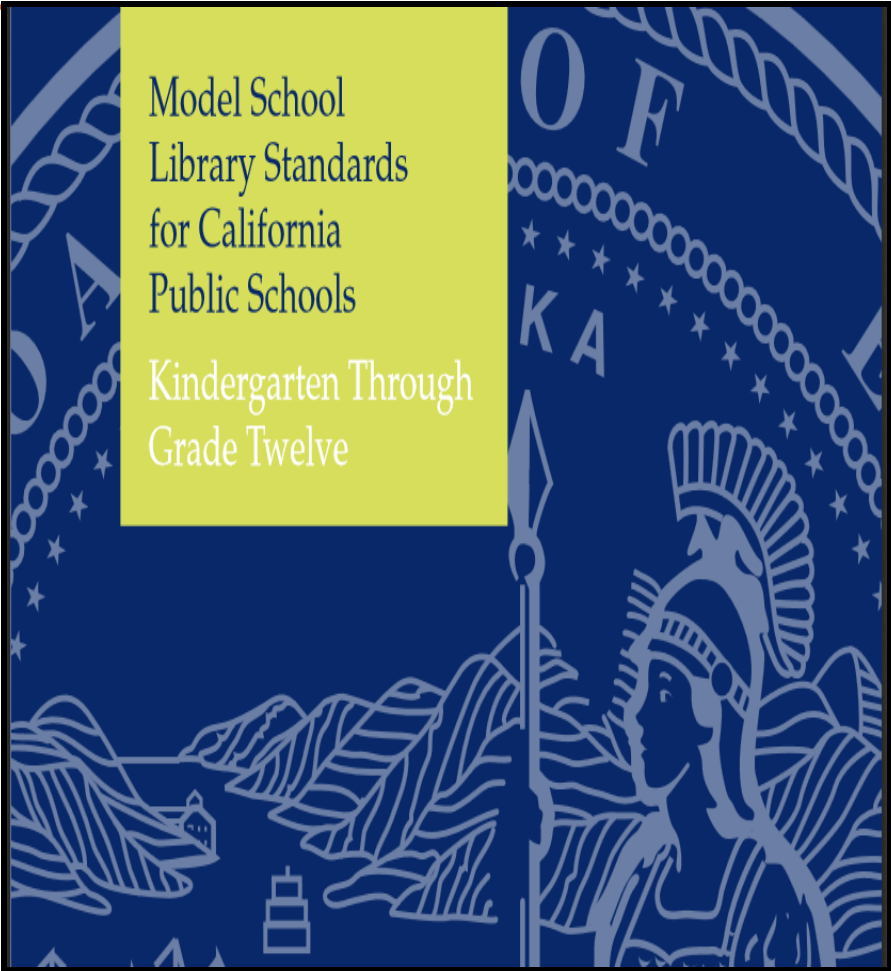
Over half of existing library programs are open less than 50% of the time.

California State Standards for Libraries



- One credentialed Teacher Librarian for every 785 students
- One Library Technician
- Open to students a minimum of 36 hour a week
- Houses a minimum of 28 books per student, 2/3 of collection is less than 15 years old
- Students have remote access to virtual library pages and on line educational data

State of OUSD Libraries



Model School
Library Standards
for California
Public Schools
Kindergarten Through
Grade Twelve

- No OUSD libraries currently meet state standards
- 9 out of 75 libraries are *approaching* standards

Closed Libraries



- 10,019 (28%) OUSD students lack library services

By ethnicity

- 28% African-Americans
- 23% Asians
- 30% Latinos
- 5% White



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Components of a Quality School Library

Quality OUSD Libraries

Four Major Components:

- Staffing
- Access (hours)
- Resources—online, technology, remote access, print
- Facility

OUSD Online Resources

1) McClymonds High School

View All | Site Administrator Logout | Help | Shop |

Home Dashboard Catalog Circulation Reports Back Office My Info

Edit Page

Welcome to the Virtual Library of McClymonds High School!

**** McClymonds High School Library began restoration in early November 2013 and is expected to be completed and open by the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Click on the **Catalog** tab above to search McClymond's library.****

The links below connect to additional resources for students, teachers, and families.

- Cybersafety**
 - Cybersafety Curriculum OUSD
- Online student databases and ebooks**
 - Britannica Online
 - Encyclopedia Britannica en Espanol
 - Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context
 - Gale Reference Library
 - Gale Student Resources in Context
 - Sweet Search for Students
 - Teen Health & Wellness
- Other Resources**
 - Internet Public Library
 - OUSD Library of Safe Videos (unblocked -- no remote access)
- Research cycle and bibliographic citation**
 - Noodletools
- Teacher Resources**
 - Britannica tutorial (3 minute video)
 - Free Technology for teachers
 - Internet Detective-- tutorials for students
- Oakland Public Library**
 - Teens' World
- OUSD Resources**
 - OUSD District home page

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Online and remote access to educational databases and 24-hour access to OUSD's library catalog

Chabot Library



Chabot Library staff:

- Create literacy and information hub at school site
- Provide quality collection
- Teach 21st century skills
- Support Balanced Literacy
- Support reading school culture

Sankofa Library



- Well-stocked school libraries support cross-disciplinary content areas and Common Core standards
- Provide balance of narrative and informational texts to students



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Recommendations

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- Develop a set of standards around quality school libraries for board recommendations
- Invite diverse stakeholders to inform the development of quality school libraries in OUSD
- Continue to leverage foundations for developing book collections for school libraries

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- Continue to partner with principals to leverage local funds and LCFF funds to provide staffing
- Continue to work with community partners to restore and support school libraries
- Include school libraries as part of the School Quality Review process
- Consider state-of-the-art libraries in future facility designs

The moment we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold into a library, we've changed their lives forever, and for the better. This is an enormous force for good.

—President Barack Obama

6/25/2005