



# Survey of Library Staffing in PA Public School Districts, 2013-2014

Results as of December 3, 2013

Conducted by Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

**99% of 500 School Districts Responded:** 2,803 buildings in 498 school districts

## Professional Staffing (Certified School Librarians) in 498 School Districts

- 1,841 in 2012-2013
- 1,765 in 2013-2014

## Professional Staffing Changes from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014

- 76 positions (88 positions lost and 12 positions gained) reflecting a 4% decrease in positions from 2012-2013

## Professional Staffing Reductions from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014

- 88 positions were eliminated within 47 school districts (Note: 28 of 88 positions were in the School District of Philadelphia, 32% of the positions eliminated)
  - 3 school districts eliminated all certified school librarians
  - 7 school districts reduced services by adding other professional duties to librarians

## Professional Staffing Gains from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014

- 12 positions were added in 12 school districts

## Current Professional Staffing Profile

- 15 school districts (serving 16,366 students) have no certified school librarian
- 4 school districts (serving 6,097 students) have one certified librarian serving part-time as the school librarian for the entire district
- 71 school districts have one full-time certified librarian serving the entire district

District Enrollment	Less than 500	Between 500-1,000	Between 1,001-1,500	Between 1,501-2,000	Between 2,001-3,000	More than 3,000
# Districts	5	29	17	7	10	3

- 64% or 322 school districts have at least one certified librarian serving more than one building
- 32% or 161 school districts have a certified school librarian for every building

Types	# Districts	# Bldgs	Prof Staff 2012-2013	Prof Staff 2013-2014
Urban	11	458	133	101.5
Suburban	116	924	733	726
Rural	371	1,421	976	938.5

## Paraprofessional Staffing in 498 School Districts

- 1,324 in 2012-2013
- 1,255 in 2013-2014

## Paraprofessional Staffing Changes from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014

- 92.5 school library paraprofessional positions eliminated within 44 school districts
- 23.5 school library paraprofessional positions added within 22 school districts

## Current Paraprofessional Staffing Profile

- 33% or 167 school districts have no paraprofessional staff
- 20% or 98 school districts have one paraprofessional staff for the entire district
- 30% or 150 school districts do not have a paraprofessional for every building
- 17% or 85 school districts have a paraprofessional for every building