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World Wide Web Access via Library Media Centers in Colorado Public Schools, 1998

During the 1997-98 school year, access to the World Wide Web via library media centers in Colorado public schools was widespread, though there were important differences by school level and enrollment range.

In the state's high schools, web access was almost universal. Virtually all LMCs provided web access to library media staff, teachers, and other school staff, and nine out of ten provided web access to students. Availability of web access declined with school level. Only about three fourths of elementary and junior high/middle school LMCs provide staff access to the web, and only two thirds provide it to students.



Similarly, LMC-based access to the World Wide Web declines with enrollment. While such web access is almost universal in the largest schools—those with enrollments of 1000 and over, only about three-fourths of schools with enrollments between 300 and 1000 provide it. Predictably, the smallest schools—those with enrollments of less than 300—are also the least likely to have web access. Only two-thirds of LMCs in the smallest schools have it.

World Wide Web Access via Library Media Centers in Colorado Public Schools by School Level and Enrollment Range, 1998

School type	Number of schools, Fall 1997	World Wide Web access for		
		Library media staff	Teachers/other staff	Students
All public schools	1409	83.9%	83.1%	77.6%
School level				
Elementary	883	77.5%	76.3%	67.5%
Jr high/middle	261	85.1%	85.1%	77.6%
High	265	95.7%	94.2%	91.3%
Enrollment range				
2000 & over	12	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
1000-1999	85	100.0%	97.1%	94.3%
700-999	138	90.2%	87.8%	78.0%
500-699	282	85.7%	85.7%	80.4%
300-499	424	79.0%	79.0%	72.6%
Under 300	468	71.4%	71.4%	67.9%

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