Results Summary Report from

SURVEY OF INTERNET USAGE AND ONLINE READING

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Summary Report for

School District 10-C

2005-2006 Academic Year
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Executive Summary

In January of 2006, 315 students at Mabelle B. Avery Middle School completed The Survey of Internet Use and Online Reading. The population included students in 6th grade (n=113), 7th grade, (n=100), and 8th grade (n=103).

The results, presented in the following pages in greater detail, include the following findings:

- 97% of students have a computer in their home. Of these students, 98% have Internet access at home.
- 68% say that the amount of time they spend on the Internet has increased during the past year.
- 88% of students report using the Internet the most often at home; 10% report using the Internet the most at school.
- 44% of students are required to use the Internet for a school assignment less than once per week.
- Only 36% of students use the Internet at school a few times per week or more WHILE 90% of students use the Internet outside of school a few times per week or more.
- Only 30% of students use search engines at school a few times per week or more WHILE 69% of students use search engines outside of school a few times per week or more.
- Only 1% of students send email at school a few times per week or more, WHILE 53% of students send email outside of school a few times per week or more.
- Only 4% of students always check the accuracy of the information they read online at school.
- Only 2% of students always check the accuracy of the information they read online outside of school.
I. Student Population:

Grade Level and Gender of Participants

Age of Participants
II. Computer Access

There is a computer in my home:

- Yes: 97%
- No: 3%

How many computers are in your home?

- 1: 32%
- 2: 36%
- 3 or more: 32%
How many computers in your home are connected to the Internet?

- 0%: 2%
- 1: 47%
- 2: 28%
- 3 or more: 23%

What kind of Internet connection do you have in your home?

- Telephone dial up: 12%
- High Speed Internet: 64%
- I don't know: 24%
I use the Internet in the following places:

- Friend's house: 25%
- Relative's house: 55%
- Internet Cafe/Comm Ctr: 4%
- Public Library: 59%
- Home: 94%
- School: 94%
- Other: 5%

Where do you use the Internet most often?

- School: 10%
- Home: 88%
- Someplace else: 2%
During the past year, the amount of time I have spent using the Internet has:

- Increased: 68%
- Decreased: 11%
- Stayed the same: 21%
III. Internet Use and School Assignments

**How often have you been REQUIRED to use the Internet for a school assignment?**

- Never: 1%
- Less than once a week: 43%
- Once a week: 28%
- A few times each week: 24%
- Once a day: 2%
- Several times a day: 2%

**How often have you been GIVEN THE OPTION to use the Internet for a school assignment?**

- Never: 6%
- Less than once a week: 33%
- Once a week: 22%
- A few times each week: 26%
- Once a day: 9%
- Several times a day: 4%
IV. Frequency of Internet use AT SCHOOL versus OUTSIDE SCHOOL

**I use the Internet AT SCHOOL:**

- Never: 1%
- Less than once a week: 38%
- Once a week: 25%
- A few times each week: 32%
- Once a day: 2%
- Several times a day: 2%

**I use the Internet OUTSIDE SCHOOL:**

- Never: 1%
- Less than once a week: 4%
- Once a week: 5%
- A few times each week: 24%
- Once a day: 22%
- Several times a day: 44%
I use search engines AT SCHOOL:

I use search engines OUTSIDE SCHOOL:
I read email AT SCHOOL:

- Never: 94%
- Less than once a week: 4%
- Once a week: 1%
- A few times each week: 0%
- Once a day: 0%
- Several times a day: 1%

I read email OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

- Never: 0%
- Less than once a week: 22%
- Once a week: 10%
- A few times each week: 10%
- Once a day: 19%
- Several times a day: 21%
I use chat rooms AT SCHOOL:

I use chat rooms OUTSIDE SCHOOL:
I read blogs AT SCHOOL:

- 90% never
- 9% less than once a week
- 1% once a week
- 0% a few times each week
- 0% once a day
- 0% several times a day

I read blogs OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

- 62% never
- 8% less than once a week
- 5% once a week
- 7% a few times each week
- 4% once a day
- 14% several times a day
I read Internet discussion boards AT SCHOOL

I read Internet discussion boards OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to post to discussion boards AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet to post to discussion boards OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to download music AT SCHOOL

- 96% Never
- 2% Less than once a week
- 1% Once a week
- 1% A few times each week
- 0% Once a day
- 0% Several times a day

I use the Internet to download music OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- 31% Never
- 13% Less than once a week
- 11% Once a week
- 15% A few times each week
- 8% Once a day
- 22% Several times a day
I use the Internet to find images AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet to find images OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to view clipart and pictures AT SCHOOL

Never: 39%  
Less than once a week: 47%  
Once a week: 8%  
A few times each week: 4%  
Once a day: 1%  
Several times a day: 1%

I use the Internet to view clipart and pictures OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Never: 18%  
Less than once a week: 20%  
Once a week: 14%  
A few times each week: 18%  
Once a day: 12%  
Several times a day: 18%
I use the Internet to read about movies, music, or sports stars AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet to read about movies, music, or sports stars OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to read manga or comics AT SCHOOL

- 97% Never
- 2% Less than once a week
- 1% Once a week
- 0% A few times each week
- 0% Once a day
- 0% Several times a day

I use the Internet to read manga or comics OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- 83% Never
- 6% Less than once a week
- 3% Once a week
- 2% A few times each week
- 2% Once a day
- 4% Several times a day
**I use the Internet to read about science AT SCHOOL**

- Never: 13%
- Less than once a week: 66%
- Once a week: 16%
- A few times each week: 5%
- Once a day: 0%
- Several times a day: 0%

**I use the Internet to read about science OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

- Never: 37%
- Less than once a week: 48%
- Once a week: 9%
- A few times each week: 5%
- Once a day: 1%
- Several times a day: 0%
I use the Internet to read about social studies AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet to read about social studies OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to read about current events AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet to read about current events OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to read about literature AT SCHOOL

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I use the Internet to read about literature OUTSIDE SCHOOL

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I use the Internet to read about math AT SCHOOL

- Never: 55%
- Less than once a week: 36%
- Once a week: 6%
- A few times each week: 2%
- Once a day: 1%
- Several times a day: 0%

I use the Internet to read about math OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- Never: 54%
- Less than once a week: 30%
- Once a week: 9%
- A few times each week: 4%
- Once a day: 2%
- Several times a day: 1%
I use the Internet to read information about other school subjects AT SCHOOL

- Never: 42%
- Less than once a week: 44%
- Once a week: 8%
- A few times each week: 6%
- Once a day: 0%
- Several times a day: 0%

I use the Internet to read information about other school subjects

- Never: 52%
- Less than once a week: 33%
- Once a week: 10%
- A few times each week: 3%
- Once a day: 2%
- Several times a day: 0%
I use the Internet to read information about my hobbies AT SCHOOL

- Never: 81%
- Less than once a week: 16%
- Once a week: 2%
- A few times each week: 1%
- Once a day: 0%
- Several times a day: 0%

I use the Internet to read information about my hobbies OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- Never: 34%
- Less than once a week: 31%
- Once a week: 10%
- A few times each week: 11%
- Once a day: 7%
- Several times a day: 7%
I use the Internet for school-related assignments AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet for school-related assignments OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet for things other than school assignments AT SCHOOL

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Never 67% Less than once a week 21% Once a week 5% A few times each week 3% Once a day 1% Several times a day 3%

I use the Internet for things other than school assignments OUTSIDE SCHOOL

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Never 5% Less than once a week 13% Once a week 11% A few times each week 21% Once a day 14% Several times a day 36%
I use the Internet AT SCHOOL to help me decide what to buy

I use the Internet OUTSIDE SCHOOL to help me decide what to buy
I use the Internet to play online games AT SCHOOL

I use the Internet to play online games OUTSIDE SCHOOL
I use the Internet to create websites AT SCHOOL

- Never: 98%
- Less than once a week: 2%
- Once a week: 0%
- A few times each week: 0%
- Once a day: 0%
- Several times a day: 0%

I use the Internet to create websites OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- Never: 80%
- Less than once a week: 8%
- Once a week: 2%
- A few times each week: 1%
- Once a day: 3%
- Several times a day: 6%
I check the accuracy of information I read on the Internet AT SCHOOL

- Never: 50%
- Once in a while: 27%
- About half of the time: 11%
- Most of the time: 8%
- Always: 4%

I check the accuracy of information I read on the Internet OUTSIDE SCHOOL

- Never: 64%
- Once in a while: 21%
- About half of the time: 8%
- Most of the time: 5%
- Always: 2%
I look at who created information I am reading on the Internet AT SCHOOL

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I look at who created the information I am reading on the Internet OUTSIDE SCHOOL

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V. District Comparisons

![Ethnicity of Population Chart]

- **Other**
- **Hispanic**
- **Asian/Pacific Islander**
- **African-American/Black**
- **White/Caucasian**

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There is a computer in my home

School Name

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Percentage

- No
- Yes
How many computers are in your home?

- School Name

- Percentage

- 01-C: 12 (67%), 21 (30%), 29 (12%)
- 02-C: 12 (30%), 30 (25%), 27 (67%)
- 03-C: 33 (38%), 48 (25%), 27 (13%)
- 04-C: 25 (33%), 33 (48%), 28 (58%)
- 05-C: 25 (58%), 42 (33%), 14 (28%)
- 06-C: 13 (60%), 27 (27%), 13 (13%)

- 3 or more
- 2
- 1
How many computers in your home are connected to the Internet?

- 0 computers: 0%
- 1 computer: 60%
- 2 computers: 16%
- 3 or more computers: 14%

School Name

Dashed lines represent the data for each school year from 2001 to 2006.
Where do you use the Internet most often?

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- **Some place else**
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  - 11
  - 85
  - 88
  - 8
  - 19
  - 15

- **Home**
  - 41
  - 75
  - 85
  - 88
  - 74
  - 66
  - 52

- **School**
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  - 14
  - 12
  - 10
  - 18
  - 16
  - 33
During the past year, the amount of time I have spent using the Internet has:

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School Name
How often have you been REQUIRED to use the Internet for a school assignment?

- Several times a day
- Once a day
- Few times each week
- Once a week
- Less than 1 X a week
- Never

School Name
How often have you been given the OPTION to use the Internet for a school assignment?

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- Yellow: Several times a day
- Turquoise: Once a day
- Pink: Few times each week
- Blue: Once a week
- Green: Less than 1 X a week
- Red: Never
I use the Internet AT SCHOOL:

- Several times a day
- Once a day
- Few times each week
- Once a week
- Less than 1 week
- Never

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School Name
I use the Internet OUTSIDE SCHOOL:

- Several times a day
- Once a day
- Few times each week
- Once a week
- Less than 1 X week
- Never

School Name

Data collected by:
- School Name
- School Name
- School Name
I check the accuracy of information on read on the Internet AT SCHOOL:

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I look at who created information I am reading on the Internet AT SCHOOL:

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