

JEA/NSPA Fall 2014 Convention Attendees Survey – Advisers (n = 51)

1. Is your school:

- a. Public: 38 participants (80.85%)
- b. Private: 9 participants (19.15%)
- (Missing responses – 4 – 7.84%)

- i. A junior high/middle school: 3 participants (5.88%)
- ii. A high school: 30 participants (45.10%)
- (Missing responses – 25 – 49.02%)

2. States represented (numbers=participants):

Alaska (1 – 1.96%), California (15 – 29.41%), Colorado (3 – 5.88%), Florida (1 – 1.96%), Iowa (1 – 1.96%), Illinois (1 – 1.96%), Indiana (2 – 3.92%), Kansas (6 – 11.76%), Massachusetts (3 – 3.92%), Maryland (1 – 1.96%), Missouri (1 – 1.96%), Nebraska (1 – 1.96%), Ohio (1 – 1.96%), Pennsylvania (1 – 1.96%), Texas (11 – 21.57%), Virginia (2 – 3.92%), Washington (1 – 1.96%)

3. How many students attend your school? (Please circle the appropriate answer)

- a. Fewer than 500: 46(11.76% of participants)
- b. Between 500 and 1,000: 4 (7.84% of participants)
- c. Between 1,000 and 2,000: 27 (52.94% of participants)
- d. More than 2,000: 14 (27.45% of participants)

4. Which student media do you advise?

- a. Newspaper/newsmagazine: 38 (74.51%; Average years spent advising from all participants: 13; Standard Deviation: 2.61)
- b. Yearbook: 28 (54.90%; Average years spent advising from all participants: 10.71, Standard Deviation: 3.59)
- c. Television/broadcast program: 9 (17.65%; Average years spent advising from all participants: 7.00, Standard Deviation: 1.00)
- d. Radio program: 0.00 (0.00%; Average years spent advising from all participants: 0.00; Standard Deviation: 0.00)
- e. Other: 16 (31.37%; Average years spent advising from all participants: 4.75; Standard Deviation: 0.48)

“Other” media: “Lit mag” (5 participants-31.25%), “Online” (5 participants-31.25%), “Web” (1 participant-6.25%), “Online/website” (5 participants-31.25%),

5. For any of the student media you advise, does someone other than you and/or the student staff routinely review content before it is published or aired? Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 7 (13.73%)
5a. If yes, does your school require a school official other than the adviser to review content before publication or airing? Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 5 (9.80%)
6. Have school officials ever ordered you or your staff members not to publish or air something to which they objected? Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 9 (17.65%)
7. Have your student staff members ever decided not to publish or air something because believed school officials would censor it? Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 7 (13.73%)
8. Have school officials ever threatened your position as adviser and/or your job at the school based on something your students chose to cover? Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 4 (7.84%)
9. Who has the final authority to determine the content of the media you are involved with? Total unique participants who gave an answer other than “Student editors” for one or more student media outlet: 17 (33.33%)

1 Is your school:

- a. Public: 366 participants (78.88%)

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b. Private: 49 participants (10.56%)
(Missing responses: 49 participants – 10.56%)

i. A junior high/middle school: 22 participants (4.74%)
ii. A high school: 335 participants (72.20%)
(Missing responses – 107 participants – 23.06%)

2 States represented (numbers=participants):

Alabama (2 – 0.43%) Arkansas (1 – 0.22%), California (117 – 25.27%), Colorado (37 – 7.99%), Florida (13 – 2.81%), Georgia (1 – 0.22%), Iowa (13 – 2.81%), Illinois (20 – 4.32%), Indiana (24 – 5.18%), Kansas (52 – 11.23%), Massachusetts (10 – 2.16%), Maryland (1 – 0.22%), Michigan (2 – 0.43%), Missouri (29 – 6.26%), Nebraska (5 – 1.08%), New Jersey (2 – 0.43%), Nevada (6 – 1.30%), Ohio (20 – 4.32%), Pennsylvania (5 – 1.08%), South Carolina (4 – 0.86%), Tennessee (2 – 0.43%), Texas (51 – 11.02), Virginia (42 – 9.07%), Washington (0.86%)

3 How many students attend your school? (Please circle the appropriate answer)

a. Fewer than 500: 30 participants (6.58% of participants)
b. Between 500 and 1,000: 50 (10.96% of participants)
c. Between 1,000 and 2,000: 196 (42.98% of participants)
d. More than 2,000: 180 (39.47% of participants)

4 With which student media are you involved?

a. Newspaper/newsmagazine: 270 (58.19% of participants)
b. Yearbook: 134 (28.88% of participants)
c. Television/broadcast program: 60 (12.93% of participants)
d. Radio program: 5 (1.08% of participants)
e. Other: 60 (12.93% of participants)

5. For any of the student media you are involved with, does someone other than the student staff or the adviser routinely review content before it is published or aired?

Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 115 (24.78%)

5a. If yes, does your school require a school official other than the adviser to review content before publication or airing?

Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 49 (10.56%)

6. Have school officials ever ordered your staff or adviser not to publish or air something to which they objected?

Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 116 (25.01%)

7. Has your publication staff ever decided not to publish or air something because you believed school officials would censor it?

Total unique participants who answered “Yes” for one or more student media outlet: 59 (12.71%)

8. Who has the final authority to determine the content of the media you are involved with?

Total unique participants who gave an answer other than “Student editors” for one or more student media outlet: 244 (52.59%)

“Other” media: “Creative Writing” (1 participant- 0.22%), “Entertainment Magazine” (2 participants-0.43%), “Lit mag” (19 participants-4.11%), “Online” (17 participants-3.67%), “Online News Website/Newspaper” (5 participants- 1.08%), “Photography” (3 participants- 0.66%), “Photojournalism” (1 participant- 0.22%), “School Publication,” (1 participant-0.22%), “Web/Website” (9 participant-1.95%), “e-publications” (2 participants-0.43%), **Total:** 60 “other” participants.