Who’s using DLESE and why?

DLESE Evaluation Services conducted a survey on DLESE usage, from mid-October 2004 to January 20, 2005. A simple three-question user survey appeared on the results page of the DLESE discovery system and on the DLESE homepage, asking, “What are you searching for now?” “What is your role or perspective in searching (teacher, student, etc.)?” and “Do you have any comments?” Results of the survey show the breadth of DLESE users: K-12 science teachers (31%); college/university faculty (13%); college students (13%); K-12 students (11%); educational materials developers (8%); parents (4%); librarians (2%); and curriculum developers (2%). Others included non-geoscience teachers, outreach coordinators, professional development experts, and DLESE staff. Reasons for searching included: materials for students (30%); materials for an assignment (18%); information about the library (13%); information for curriculum development (7%); information for their own learning (6%); and collaborators for a project (5%). Most gratifying were some of the comments received from the variety of users who appreciate DLESE:

Awesome site, makes adding to my lesson easy.

I teach at-risk high school kids. We have no Earth Science curriculum or textbook. I try to find hands-on activities that they can use for assignments.

DLESE resources have been great in helping me assist earth science teachers at my high school in recommending resources for students to use in their projects. THANKS!!

I'm a developer of content for earth science educational materials and find DLESE to be a useful site for general info about this field.

I love what you have done here! Thanks for doing so much of the hard work for me...