



Survey of Superintendents on Shared Use

Intro

The purpose of this survey is to understand the extent to which school facilities are being used for community use during non-school hours and identify the benefits and barriers of sharing school facilities.

Information from this survey will be used to help interested schools share their facilities with the community after school hours. No individual school's data will be reported publically.

“Shared use” is the practice of allowing use of school facilities by community members for recreation or another purpose of importance to the community. It can take place through a formal or informal agreement between a school district or school and a government or non- governmental entity that defines the roles, responsibilities, terms and conditions for the shared use of a school-owned facility. Shared use may also take place through a policy enacted by a school or a higher governing body that opens school facilities for use by government or non-governmental entities or the public.

Q1. To the best of your knowledge, does your district or any individual school participate in any shared-use agreements with any non-profits, public organizations, or other groups where these organizations can utilize school property for community enrichment?

Yes.....	89	58.9%
No.....	49	32.5%
Uncertain.....	13	8.6%

Q1B. If yes, please include copy of policy or indicate web URL for online version

Individual responses are included in the raw data file

Q2. Do you think it would be beneficial for your school(s) to have more shared-use agreements?

Yes.....	59	39.1%
No.....	29	19.2%
Uncertain.....	63	41.7%

Q3. Some schools and districts are hesitant to opening their facilities for community use, either through shared use agreements or policies, due to concerns of being held liable for injuries. If there were added protections for schools and districts around liability, would you be more inclined to open your facilities through shared use?

Yes.....	97	64.2%
No.....	15	9.9%
Uncertain.....	39	25.8%

Q4. What do you feel are some of the challenges/barriers for schools to allow school facilities to be used by the community during non-school hours? (check all that apply)

Cost to school district / cost for maintenance staff.....	112	74.2%
Fear that school facilities will not be left in the same shape as they were found.....	110	72.8%
Lack of community interest.....	4	2.6%
Lack of needed facility types.....	28	18.5%
Lack of trust of community partners to use facilities.....	9	5.9%
Lack of protection around liability.....	83	54.9%
Security issues.....	94	62.3%
Other [included in raw data file]		