



# The Needs Survey

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Classrooms and Core Spaces



# Classrooms - Overview

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- There are 62,397 classrooms in use across the Commonwealth.
- The vast majority – 51,689 – are general classrooms
- The average number of classrooms per school ranges from 15 at early childhood centers to 66 at the high school level.



# Specialized Classrooms

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- Science Labs
- Science Demonstration Classrooms
- Art
- Music
- Special Education



# Science Classrooms

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- Science classrooms account for the largest percentage of specialty classrooms and represent 6.5% of the total number of classrooms in the state.
  - 1,055 Science Demonstration Classrooms
  - 4,061 Science Labs
- 90% of all Middle Schools, Middle/High Schools and High Schools have dedicated science space



# Art and Music

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- There are 1,924 Art rooms and 1,739 Music rooms in the state.
- 78% of all schools have at least one art room, while 69% have at least one dedicated music room.
  - Auditoriums are often used to conduct music classes in schools that do not have dedicated music rooms.
- 385 schools, 22%, have Art or Music “On a Cart”



# Special Education

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- Most schools use a combination of inclusive classrooms and self-contained special education spaces to teach students with special needs
- 248 of 329 school districts belong to one or more special education collaboratives that allow multiple districts to pool resources to address the needs of students who require the highest levels of care
- Public schools have dedicated 277 classrooms for use by collaboratives



# Core Spaces

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- Gyms
- Library/Media Centers
- Cafeterias
- Auditoriums



# Core Spaces - Findings

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- The vast majority of schools have the core spaces they need for their grade level
  - 86% have a library/media center
  - 77% have one or more gyms
  - 86% maintain a cafeteria
  - 35% have an auditorium
  - 10% use a multipurpose room for one or more of these uses
- Schools that lack these facilities typically share with an adjacent school or have access to community resources