

Hinsdale County School District – Data Collection and Peer Survey  
Initial Comments and Observations

**Peer Survey Reports**

Buildings	Survey districts targeted were small (less than 200 students) and generally were one building - 16 out of 22 responses. The 3 larger schools (around 900 students each) that responded had multiple buildings.
Facility Projects	Over half of the respondents (14 of 21) had large facility projects within the last 3 years. Of the 14 with large projects, 10 utilized BEST grants.
Facilities Size	Additional analysis of comparative sizes is included in the next section. In terms of absolute total square footage, Hinsdale was by far the smallest.
Gymnasium Use	Eleven of the 17 responding noted using their gymnasium for other things in addition to sports – auditorium, community, large group instruction, stage and theater.
Space Provided	Dedicated spaces, even if part of a multi-use area, for auditorium, gymnasium, music, technology lab, health education, and conference were common in most other districts, but missing for Hinsdale.
Sports	Volleyball, basketball, and football were the most common team sports supported by the respondents’ facilities, but not Hinsdale.

**Analysis of Facility Size Data**

Total SF per Student	Hinsdale was the smallest in total square footage per student with slightly more than half (55%) of the average. The lack of gym is large contributor to Hinsdale’s low ranking. The other schools that ranked smallest were the 3 larger schools in the survey, which leverage larger student populations for space efficiency. Kim School District ranks near the top of total and most categories due to the completion in 2016 of a new \$14M facility with 32,000 SF and only 42 students.
Core	Hinsdale was lowest in SF per student at 63% of the average.
Exploratory	Hinsdale was next to lowest in SF per student at 30% of the average.
Assembly	Hinsdale was lowest in SF per student with only 23% of average.
Gym	Hinsdale was the only school without a gym.
Library	While there was still a gap, library space was closer to average than other categories for Hinsdale.
Support	Same as Library comment.

**Historical and Projected Statistics**

Lake City School Enrollment Growth	Hinsdale enrollment growth trend was produced from historical data 1990-2017 using least squares method. The growth for the next ten years is steady, but modest, going from 111 students anticipated in 2017 to 121 in year 2026.
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We encourage you to share your own observations and assessments.