

Utilization of Secondary Space in School Buildings

Executive Summary

This report provides a snapshot of classroom space currently being used across our five secondary schools. Together, the buildings report 238 classroom spaces. These rooms support general education as well as Special Education, CTE, art, music, and other instructional programs.

As student needs and instructional programs have evolved, so has the way our secondary schools use available space. A classroom may serve a specialized program, be shared by teachers, or be available during portions of the day while still being an important part of the school's instructional program.

Across the five secondary schools, 36 classrooms are currently used for Special Education, including DLC programs. In addition, none of the schools identified a classroom that is vacant for the entire school day. Mead and Mt. Spokane also report teachers sharing classrooms, and Mt. Spokane is using its staff lounge and atrium as instructional spaces.

Overall, the information shows that our secondary schools are making active use of their available classroom space. While scheduling may create some flexibility during individual periods, there is limited unused classroom space available across the secondary system.

Building Summaries

Mead High School

Mead High School reports 69 full-size classrooms, all of which are in use. Twelve classrooms are used for Special Education, and 11 teachers share classrooms. The reported classroom total does not include the weight room, gyms and fitness center, choir room, or band room, which are also used daily. Other spaces, including the conference room, theater, college and career services area, library, and design studio, also support instruction.

Mt. Spokane High School

Mt. Spokane High School reports 65 full-size classrooms, all of which are in use. Nine classrooms are used for Special Education, and six teachers share classrooms. The school is also using its staff lounge and atrium as instructional spaces even though those areas were not originally designed as full-size classrooms.

Northwood Middle School

Northwood Middle School reports 34 classroom spaces in regular use, including 32 classrooms, one classroom within the shop, and one art classroom. Five classrooms are used for Special Education. No classroom was identified as vacant for the entire school day.

Highland Middle School

Highland Middle School reports 36 full-size classrooms, including art, music, and CTE/shop spaces. Six classrooms are used for Special Education. One classroom is not scheduled during periods 4–6, and the art room is not scheduled during periods 5–6; however, neither space is vacant for the entire school day.

Mountainside Middle School

Mountainside Middle School reports 34 classroom spaces. Four are used for Special Education, including the DLC program. The building also includes 26 general education classrooms, two music classrooms, one tech classroom currently used for orchestra, and one woodshop. Mountainside reports no unused classrooms.

Appendix A: Secondary Classroom Space Utilization Matrix

Special Education totals include DLC programs. Blank cells indicate that a separate count was not reported.

Space / Use	Mead High School	Mt. Spokane High School	Northwood Middle School	Highland Middle School	Mountainside Middle School
Reported Classroom Spaces	69	65	34	36	34
Special Education (including DLC)	12	9	5	6	4
Teachers Sharing Classrooms	11	6			
Vacant All Day	0	0	0	0	0