



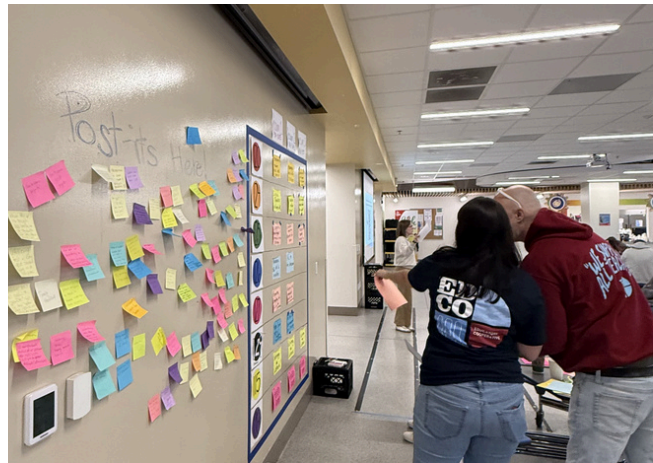
# EdCampNash

February 21, 2026

Explore! Community School

**“All Professional Development should be this way!”**

Traditional models of professional development can feel distant from the realities of classroom practice. EdCampNash reimagines that approach by centering teachers as the drivers of their own learning. During our 9th Annual convening, more than 100 educators from across Nashville co-created a day of professional learning. Beginning with collaborative brainstorming, participants shaped Sessions that fostered authentic dialogue, peer learning, and the exchange of effective classroom practices.



When given the chance to co-create a day of professional learning, here's what teachers MOST wanted to discuss in their created break-out Sessions:

Promoting Empathy and SEL in the Classroom

Empowering Teacher Voice and Creativity

Teacher Recruitment and Retention Strategies

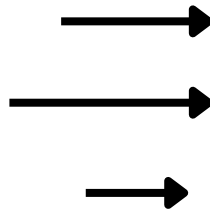
"No More Yelling!!" Self-Management as a Teacher

When teachers engage in this kind of collaborative, problem-solving experience, they renew their energy and return to their classrooms feeling recharged, confident, and more passionate about their work. Connections across schools, sectors, and contexts increase teachers' sense of self-efficacy.

When asked to describe their energy around education, here's how a few attendees' answers changed:

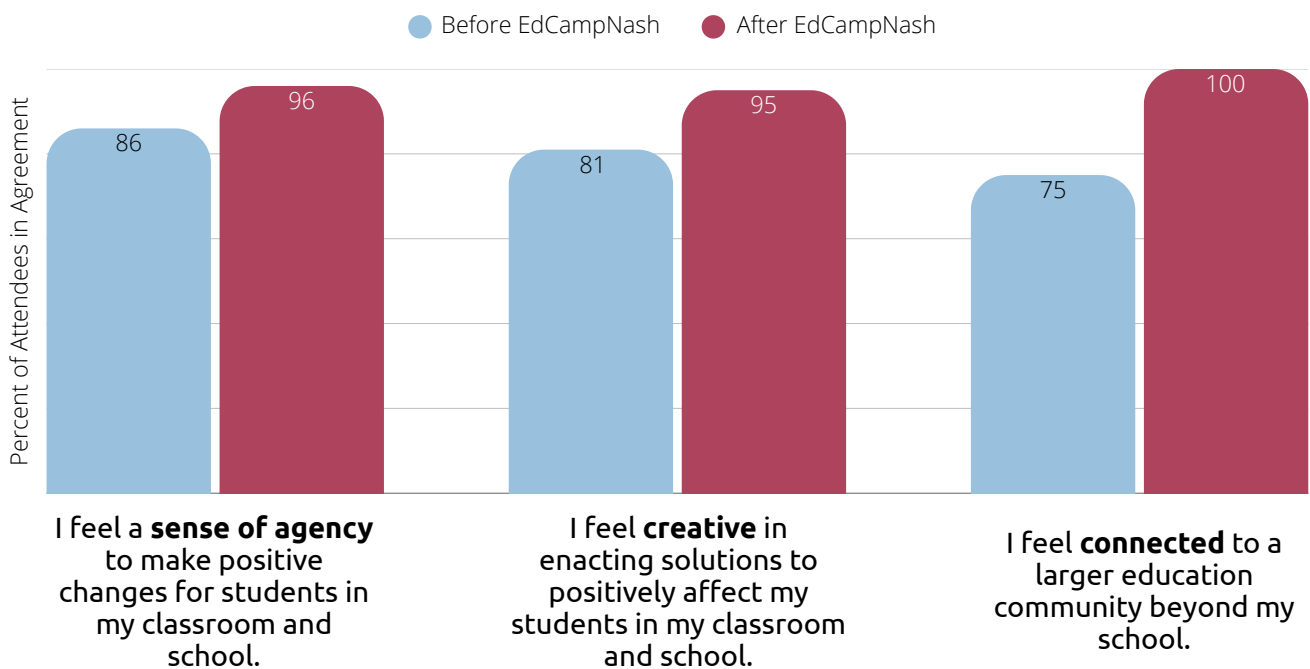
before EdCampNash:

"Hanging tough"  
"Stuck"  
"Tired but hopeful"



after EdCampNash:

"Purposeful"  
"Hopeful"  
"I can do it!"



# Thank you to our Community Partners, Donors, & “EdCo Entrepreneurs” who contributed to EdCampNash’s success!

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## **Community Partners present at EdCampNash:**

Alive (Hospice)

MNEA

Nashville Tools for Schools\*\*

The Porch^

Turnip Green Creative Reuse\*\*

## **Donors:**

H&S Bagels

East Nashville Beer Works

Hattie B's Hot Chicken

Parnassus Books

Phat Bites

## **EdCo Entrepreneurs (Opportunity for members to share their secondary businesses):**

Cultivated Connections

Duckbill Bookshop

Enlightenment Film Academy

Jansen Gibson Education

TSU's Arts and Social Practice

Voces de Nashville

*\*\*Both Nashville Tools for Schools (below) and Turnip Green Creative Reuse (right) donated items for our raffle give-aways. Nashville Tools for Schools even delivered the piece of furniture to an attendee’s classroom:*



*^The Porch delivered a teacher-centered “Writing for Wellness” Workshop, providing reflective writing exercises alongside professional wellness opportunities. Across 3 sessions, 14 educators participated in their sessions. Of those participants, 11 of them specifically mentioned this Workshop with the Porch as their highlight of EdCampNash.*

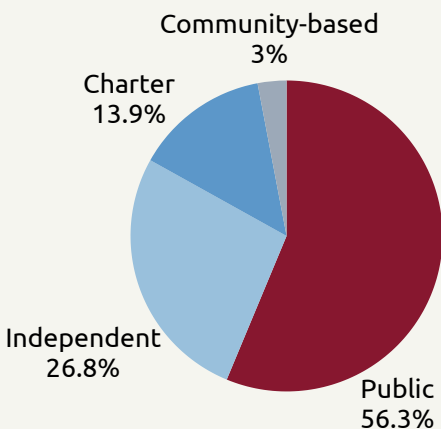
# Schools Represented at EdCampNash 2026

\* designates number of attendees from that school above one

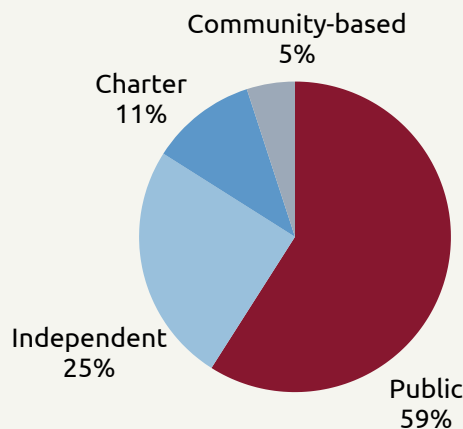
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| Akiva School                         | Lakeview Elementary           |
| Antioch High**                       | LaVergne Middle**             |
| Apollo Middle                        | LEAD Cameron*****             |
| Charlotte Park Elementary            | LEAD Prep Southeast           |
| Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt    | Lockeland Design Center       |
| Crieve Hall Elementary               | McMurray Middle               |
| Cumberland County***                 | Meigs Middle***               |
| Currey Ingram Academy                | MNPS**                        |
| Dan Mills Elementary                 | MNPS EL Office**              |
| Donelson Middle****                  | Napier Elementary             |
| Early College High                   | Paragon Mills Elementary***** |
| Explore! Community School**          | Riverdale High**              |
| Fall Hamilton Elementary             | Shwab Elementary              |
| George Whitten Elementary            | Smith Springs Elementary      |
| Glenduff High                        | St. Bernard Academy*****      |
| Goodlettsville Elementary            | Templeton Academy             |
| Harding Academy**                    | Thurgood Marshall Middle      |
| Head Magnet Middle                   | TSU**                         |
| HG Hill Middle                       | Tulip Grove Elementary        |
| Intrepid College Prep                | USN*****                      |
| Isaac Litton Middle                  | Valor Collegiate Academies    |
| J.T. Moore Middle****                | Valor Flagship                |
| JE Moss Elementary                   | Vanderbilt University***      |
| KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary | Voces de Nashville            |
| KIPP Antioch Global High             | WA Bass Learning Center       |
| Krisle Elementary                    |                               |

## EdCo mirrors the educational landscape of Nashville:

**EdCo Members:**



**Davidson Co. Schools:**



**EdCampNash '26 Attendees:**

