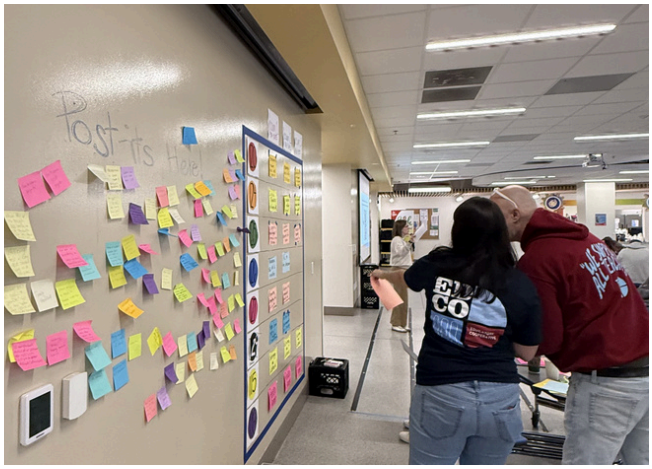
EdCampNash

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.



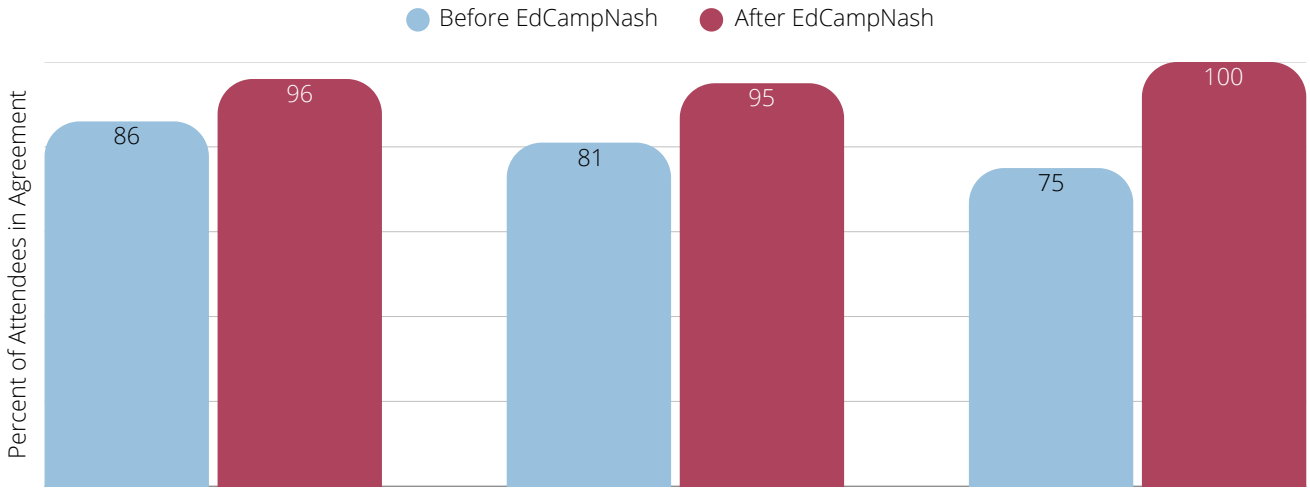
When given the chance to co-create a day of professional learning, here's what teachers MOST wanted to discuss in their created break-out Sessions:

- 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:		**after EdCampNash:**
"Hanging tough"	→	"Purposeful"
"Stuck"	→	"Hopeful"
"Tired but hopeful"	→	"I can do it!"



I feel **sense of agency** to make positive changes for students in my classroom and school.

I feel **creative** in enacting solutions to positively affect my students in my classroom and school.

I feel **connected** to a larger education community beyond my school.

Thank you to our Community Partners, Donors, & "EdCo Entrepreneurs" who contributed to EdCampNash's success!

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 iterms 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*

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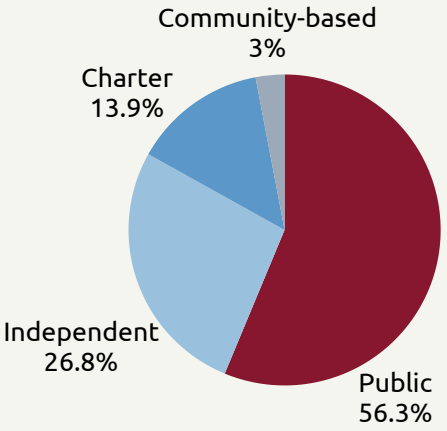
EdCo mirrors the educational landscape of Nashville:

EdCo Members:



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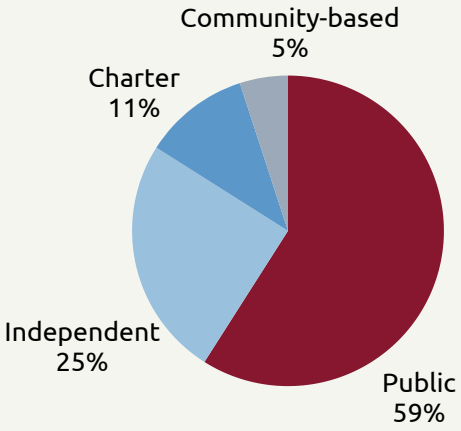
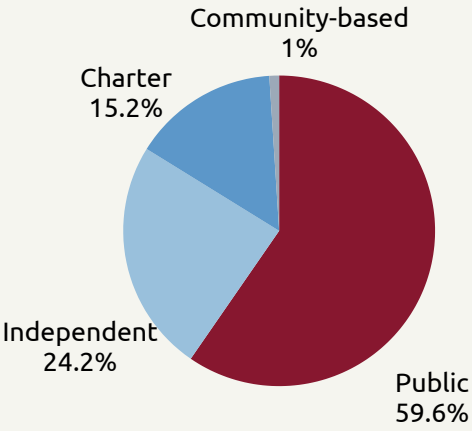
EdCampNash '26 Attendees: