

# Moose Lake Community School Campus Survey Results

In 2024, Moose Lake Community School and Essentia Health's Community Health Department partnered to assess and identify potential improvements to outdoor recreation facilities on the Moose Lake Community School campus. The project was developed in response to identified community health needs for physical activity and mental/social well-being in Essentia Health-Moose Lake's service area. The project began in June 2024 and is expected to conclude in December 2024.

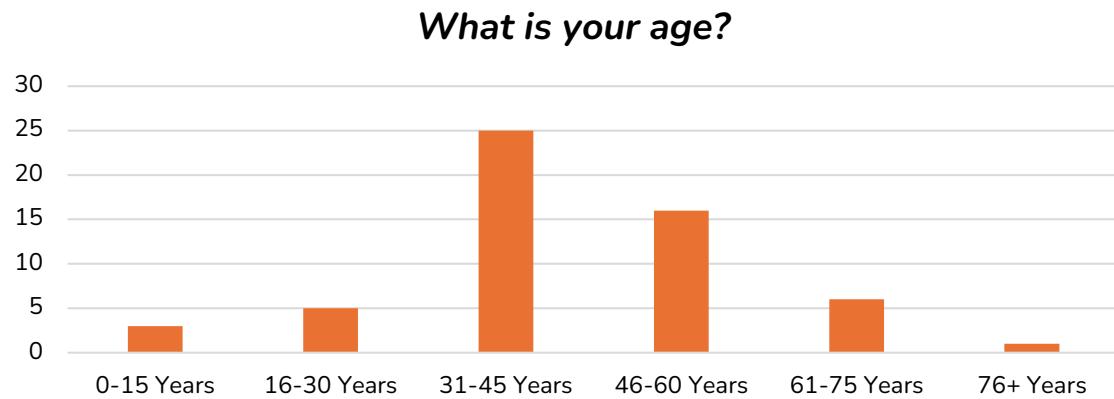
The project advisory committee directed Essentia Health staff to collect input via a public survey. To capture these perspectives, Essentia Health administered an online survey, which the school district distributed through its Facebook page. Additional outreach took place through posts on community Facebook groups, business outreach in the Moose Lake Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter, fliers posted at back-to-school events and school athletic events, and 500 postcards mailed to households in the tri-district area. In addition to the online survey, a paper survey option was made available at the Moose Lake Public Library. The survey was officially opened on August 27, 2024, and closed on September 30, 2024.

Engagement efforts yielded 56 survey responses. A summary of these responses is below. Full survey results are outlined in the following pages of this document.

- The “average” survey respondent is in the 31-45 age range, lives in the 55767 (Moose Lake) ZIP code, lives in the area year-round, and is relative to an enrolled student at the school. Most respondents noted that they rarely visit the school campus (“never” or “once a year”).
- Half of respondents were uncertain if or when the school campus can be used by members of the public.
- Survey respondents most frequently identified a desire for playground upgrades (e.g., nearby shade/picnic shelters, public washrooms) and community events/programming. A handful of respondents also expressed interest in infrastructure for frisbee/disc golf and pickleball.

**1. What is your age?**

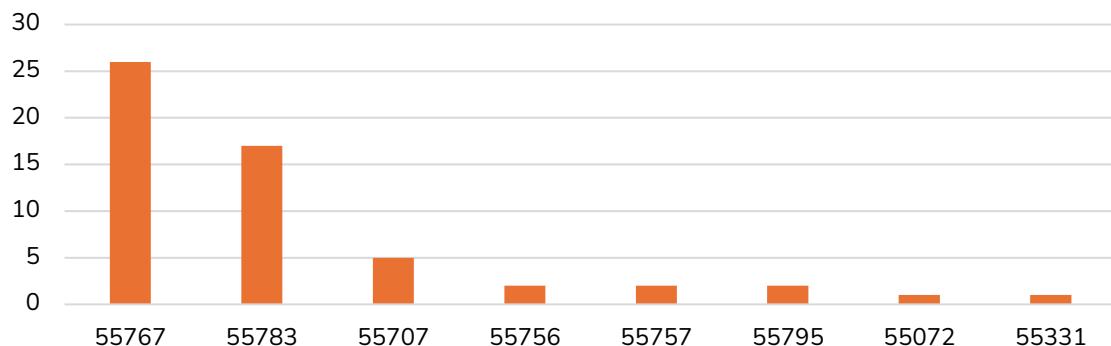
- 0-15 years: 3 Responses, 5.4%
- 16-30 years: 5 Responses, 8.9%
- 31-45 years: 25 Responses, 44.6%
- 46-60 years: 16 Responses, 28.6%
- 61-75 years: 6 Responses, 10.7%
- 76+ years: 1 Response, 1.8%



2. What is the ZIP code of your main residence?

- 55767: 26 Responses, 46.4%
- 55783: 17 Responses, 30.4%
- 55707: 5 Responses, 8.9%
- 55756: 2 Responses, 3.6%
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- 55795: 2 Responses, 3.6%
- 55072: 1 Response, 1.8%
- 55331: 1 Response, 1.8%

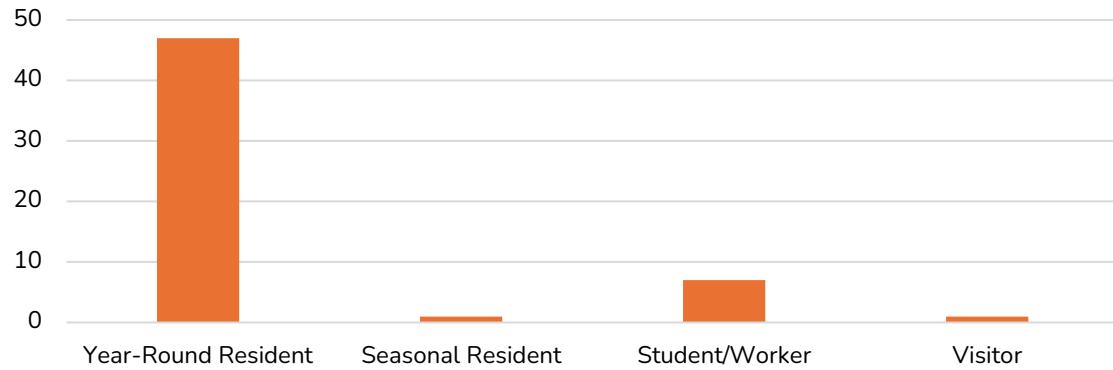
*What is your ZIP code?*



**3. Which of the following categories best describes you?**

- I live in the Moose Lake area year-round: 47 Responses, 83.9%
- I live in the Moose Lake area seasonally or part of the year: 1 Response, 1.8%
- I work or go to school in Moose Lake area but don't live there: 7 Responses, 12.5%
- I visit the Moose Lake area: 1 Response, 1.8%

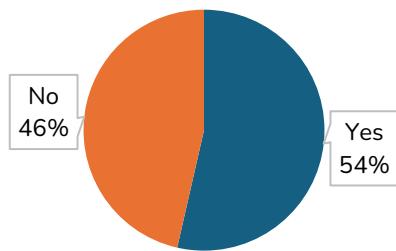
***Which category best describes you?***



4. Are you or a member of your household currently enrolled as a student at Moose Lake Community School?

- Yes: 30 Responses, 53.6%
- No: 26 Responses, 46.4%

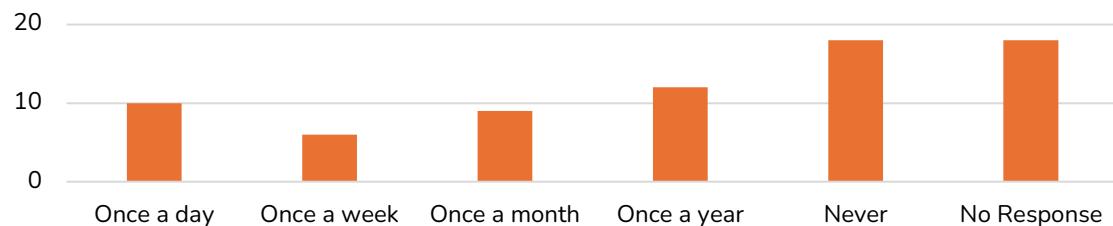
***Are you enrolled at Moose Lake School?***



5. The Moose Lake Community School campus has two playgrounds, a community garden, hiking trails, a walking track, and sports fields. How often do you use these outdoor recreation facilities on the school campus?

- At least once a day: 10 Responses, 17.9%
- At least once a week: 6 Responses, 10.7%
- At least once a month: 9 Responses, 16.1%
- At least once a year: 12 Responses, 21.4%
- Never: 18 Responses, 32.1%
- No Response: 18 Responses, 32.1%

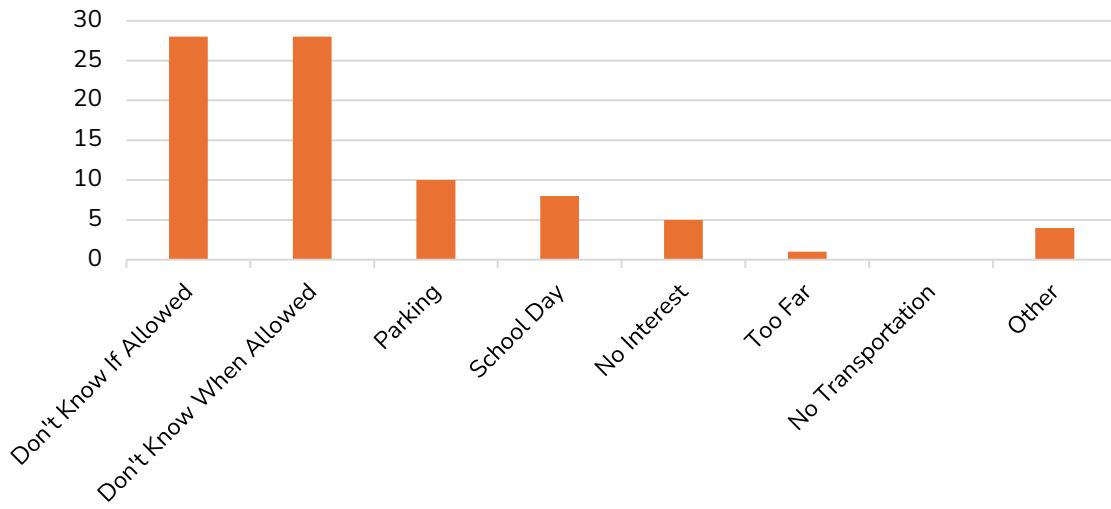
***How often do you visit the school campus?***



6. Which of the following barriers keeps you from using outdoor recreation facilities on the Moose Lake Community School campus more often? (Select all that apply.)

- I don't know if I'm allowed to use recreation facilities on the school campus: 28 Responses, 50.0%
- I don't know when I'm allowed to use recreation facilities on the school campus: 28 Responses, 50.0%
- There isn't convenient parking available, or I don't know where to park: 10 Responses, 17.8%
- I would want to use recreation facilities during the school day, but that's not allowed: 8 Responses, 14.3%
- I'm not interested in current outdoor recreation options on the school campus: 5 Responses, 8.9%
- The school campus is too far away, or it takes too much time to get there: 1 Response, 1.8%
- I don't have transportation to get to the school campus: 0 Responses
- Other: 4 Responses (Wasn't Aware, No Time, Only Use with Grandkids)

**What barriers keep you from visiting?**



**7. What “attractions” would get you and/or your family to visit outdoor recreation facilities on the Moose Lake Community School campus on a regular basis?**

- Playground Upgrades (12)
  - Nearby Shade/Picnic Shelter (2)
  - Nearby Outdoor Bathrooms with Changing Station (2)
  - Rubberized Surface (1)
  - Toddler Swings/Ramps (1)
  - Use during School Hours (1)
  - Nearby Baseball/Kickball Field (1)
  - Sensory Play Equipment (1)
  - More Toddler-friendly Options (1)
  - Additional Equipment (1)
  - Within View from the Street (1)
- Programming (8)
  - Seasonal community cookout (1)
  - Astronomy Nights with Minnesota Astronomical Society (1)
  - Ice/Snow Sculpturing (1)
  - Family Fun Days (1)
  - Master Gardener Classes (1)
  - Hobby Swaps/Meet-ups/Learning (1)
  - Community Garage Sale (1)
  - Movie Nights (1)
  - Community Volunteer Events (e.g., Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing) (1)
- Frisbee/Disc Golf (5)
- Pickleball Court (5)
- Hiking/Biking Trails (4)
  - Accessible, paved trail surface (1)
- Ski Trails (4)
- Running Track (4)
  - Maintenance Needed within Next Two Years (1)
  - Bleachers for Spectators (1)
  - Announcing Stand/Speakers (1)
  - Event Parking in Field (1)
- Tennis Court (4)
- Outdoor Swimming pool (4)
- Basketball Court (4)
- Better Advertising (3)
- Signage about Allowed Use/Parking (2)
- Walking Loop Sidewalk/Trail around School (2)

- Barbeque Grills (2)
- Climbing Wall (2)
- Outdoor Gym/Calisthenics Equipment (2)
- American Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course (2)
- Volleyball (1)
- Splash Pad (1)
- Paved Sidewalks to Football/Track/Baseball Fields (1)
- Baseball Field (1)
- Fenced-in Dog Park (1)
- Geocaching (1)
- Indoor Pool (1)
- Mini Golf (1)
- Water Park (e.g., Lupient Water Park in Minneapolis) (1)
- Zip Line (1)
- Tetherball (1)
- Indoor Exercise Center (e.g., Wild River Fitness at Osceola Medical Center) (1)
- Gaga Ball Pit (1)
- Apple Orchard (1)
- Multi-Sport Stadium (1)

8. Are you interested in volunteering or being involved in projects to improve outdoor recreation facilities on the Moose Lake Community School campus?

- Maybe: 27 Responses, 48.2%
- No: 15 Responses, 26.8%
- Yes: 12 Responses, 21.4%
- No Response: 2 Responses, 3.6%

***Are you interested in volunteering?***

