Joint Use Schools Initiative:
Partnerships and Environments for Student Success

Berkeley’s Center for Cities & Schools offers a research-based perspective on joint use school partnerships.

Through our Joint Use Schools Initiative we:

• Research effective local joint use practices
• Develop state and local joint use model policies
• Create tools and resources for local leaders

Joint use of school facilities is a strategic tool to maximize resources and strengthen schools and communities.

All resources are available free online: http://citiesandschools.berkeley.edu/

Joint Use of Public Schools: Developing a New Social Contract for the Shared Use of Public Schools A concept paper on joint use and joint development that includes new definitions and articulates the demand for and benefits of joint use and joint development Coming Soon!

Structuring Local Policy to Support Joint Use and Development of Public Schools Detailed local policy implementation strategies for maximizing effective joint use and development Coming Soon!

Joint Use School Partnerships in California: Strategies to Enhance Schools and Communities A Joint Report from CC&S and Public Health Law and Policy (PHLP) highlighting three California case studies, lessons learned, and recommended steps to crafting effective joint use partnerships
There has been a growing conversation and demand for joint use of schools as a way to expand services for children and families in convenient locations, increase opportunities for physical activity and healthy living by expanding use of school recreational spaces, leverage capital investments, and more.

Successful implementation, however, takes innovative policy making and planning because more intensive sharing of public educational spaces is a complex endeavor.

CC&S is developing a set of tools for practitioners and policymakers on implementing and sustaining joint use and joint development of public school facilities, in partnership with the 21st Century School Fund (http://www.21csf.org). Joint use tools, resources, and support are a core component of CC&S’s PLUS Leadership Initiative, a multi-year initiative designed to prepare current and future educational, community, and civic leaders in the Bay Area region to develop collaborative, mutually beneficial policies and practices, and facilitate comprehensive systems-change.

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**Resources**

**Joint Use Cost Calculator** A tool to assist public school districts and others in assessing the real costs associated with the use of school buildings and grounds by non-school users and structuring effective policies for sharing the costs of use among partners  
**Coming Soon!**

**Joint Use of Public Schools: The Role of State Legislation** A Policy Brief analyzing the current role of state policies in supporting joint use and development  
**Coming Soon!**

**Building Schools, Building Communities: The Role of State Policy in California** CC&S and the American Architectural Foundation convened more than 40 California policymakers and practitioners to generate state policy recommendations on school siting, joint use schools, and innovative school design

**Promising Practices to Improve Schools and Communities: A Survey of Highly Collaborative and Comprehensive Education Reform Efforts** With support from the Fannie Mae Foundation, this report analyzes models of collaborative and comprehensive education reform efforts from across the country, many of which incorporated joint use strategies

**More resources coming soon!**