

Topsham, ME Community Center Needs Assessment
July 10, 2023

Facility	Location	Space	Program / Use	Season/ Time of Use	Use Groups	Assets	Liabilities	Current Program Size – How many people – aggregate total	Current Capacity and Schedule Availability	Facility Access Cost (Annual)	Demand factor - is there higher demand than capacity?	Assessment Recommendation	Comment
Bowdoin College	Indoor	LeRoy Greason Pool	Bowdoin Swim	Fall, Winter	Family			100 per session	1 hour on Sundays 10 Sessions per Season	\$500 per season	More time/lessons/etc	Add WSI instructors as necessary.	not enough WSI instructors
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Soccer Field	Summer Camp - Challenger	Summer	Coed - Age 5 and up	No cost for use	Contract with outside source	75		\$0.00	np		
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Pavilion	Concession and Storage							\$0.00	np		
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Pavilion	Family events and parties	Mostly weekends, occasional weekdays: Spring, Summer, Fall.	Rec team support			40-50 Parties per year		\$0.00	np		Weekday use when there is no conflict with athletic events. Concession stand reserved for Rec games (no pavillion use)
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Riverside Fields	Softball	Spring		Multiple fields in 1 location		40	3 Teams/1 Field: Need 1 more field	\$0.00	need to use HS or MS	Build 1 additional softball field and 1 additional baseball field.	
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Baseball Field	Baseball	Spring	Youth Ball	Multiple fields in 1 location		50	6 teams, 1.5 fields: need 1 more field. 1/2 field is grass only		limit of 1 practice per week		
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Baseball Field	Baseball	Spring	Tee Ball: age 5-6	Multiple fields in 1 location		50	6 teams, 1.5 fields: need 1 more field. 1/2 field is grass only		limit of 1 practice per week		
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Hill	Sledding/skating	Winter	Open to all residents			unlimited		\$0.00			
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Foreside Road	Soccer Recreation	Fall	TYSL Coed - Grades K, 1, 2	Multiple fields in 1 location	Based upon Registration on August 1	210	Appropriate facilities for need	\$0.00	plenty		Soccer is revenue positive
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Riverside Fields	Soccer Recreation	Fall	TYSL Coed - Grades 3/4	Multiple fields in 1 location	Plan even teams	120	Appropriate facilities for need		of		Soccer is revenue positive
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Riverside Fields	Soccer Recreation	Fall	TYSL Coed - Grades 5/6	Multiple fields in 1 location		62	Appropriate facilities for need	\$0.00	space		Soccer is revenue positive
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Riverside Fields	Soccer Recreation	Fall	TYSL Coed - Grades 7/8	Multiple fields in 1 location		20	Appropriate facilities for need	\$0.00	to support		Soccer is revenue positive
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Berm Field	Soccer Recreation	Fall	Little Kickers - Age 3,4	Multiple fields in 1 location		30	Appropriate facilities for need		numbers		Soccer is revenue positive
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Berm Field	Soccer Recreation	Spring	Tiny Tykes - Age 3-5	Multiple fields in 1 location		44	Appropriate facilities for need		np		Soccer is revenue positive
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Hillside Field	Lacrosse	Spring, Summer	Grade 5/6 Girls, Boys	Multiple fields in 1 location	Limited space for practices, 7-8 grade games compete for field.	30	4 teams (2 girls, 2 boys)		need for more space		
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Hillside Field	Lacrosse	Spring, Summer	Grade 3/4 Girls, Boys	Multiple fields in 1 location	Use Turf on Sundays for games	30			compete with Baseball		
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Foreside/Hillside	Cross Country Ski Lessons	Winter		Multiple fields in 1 location		12					
Foreside Recreation Area	Outdoor	Crosby & Riverside Baseball	Ararat Baseball League	Spring/Summer	Baseball 9-12	Multiple fields in 1 location	Outside Organization	60					
Head of Tide Park	Outdoor	Trails/Kayaking/Picnic Area	Conservation Easement with Town	Year Round	Brunswick – Topsham Land Trust								
Lost Valley Ski Area	Outdoor		Ski & Snowboard Lessons	Winter	Coed - Age 7 and up			65					
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Main & Auxilliary Gymnasium	Basketball	Winter	5/6 Girls, Boys + Travel	No cost for use, 3 courts	Scheduling around school & town use	75	Use every weekend		limit of 3 hours on Sat am	Consider partnership or build 1 new gym improve scheduling control for winter activities	
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Main & Auxilliary Gymnasium	Basketball	Winter	1/2 Little Dribblers	No cost for use, 3 courts	Scheduling around school & town use	85		\$0.00			
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Main & Auxilliary Gymnasium	Open Gym	Winter	Family	No cost for use	Scheduling around school & town use	250			Limit of 4 hours on Sundays		Unicycle: Woodside One Wheelers, Fundraisers
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Main Gymnasium	Open Gym	Winter	Adult (Volleyball)	No cost for use	Scheduling around school & town use	20 per Sunday			2-6 pm		Unicycle: Woodside One Wheelers, Fundraisers
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Auxilliary Gymnasium	Youth Wrestling	Winter	Grade 1-5	No cost for use	Scheduling around school & town use	35			Limit of 2 nights for an hour in the Aux gym		Unicycle: Woodside One Wheelers, Fundraisers
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Main & Auxilliary Gymnasium	Summer Camp - Basketball	Summer	3/8 Girls, Boys	No cost for use	Scheduling around school & town use	45/50 per gender			1 week mornings		Unicycle: Woodside One Wheelers, Fundraisers
Mt. Ararat High School	Indoor	Main Gymnasium	Summer Volleyball Camp	Summer	Grades 3-8	No cost for use		20		\$0.00	1 week afternoons		Unicycle: Woodside One Wheelers, Fundraisers
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Cafeteria/Dining Commons	Valentine Dance	Winter				125		\$0.00	Have to schedule on a Sunday Afternoon		
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Forum	Team photography			250 seat capacity		see above		\$0.00	Use 1 Saturday am in January		
Mt Ararat High School	Indoor	Auxilliary Gymnasium	Spring Lessons	Age 8 - 15	Youth Golf			20			Use Monday 5-8 pm month of March		
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf	Summer Camp - Soccer	Summer	Coed - Age 5 and up	No cost for use	Scheduling around school use	110		\$0.00	HS Team runs program		Soccer is revenue positive
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf	Summer Camp - Field Hockey	Summer	Grade Pre-K - 8	No cost for use	Scheduling around school use	50			HS Team runs program		
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf	Summer Camp - Lacrosse	Summer	Grade 3-6	No cost for use	Scheduling around school & town use	20		\$0.00	HS Team runs program		
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Softball Field	Softball	Spring	Rookie: age 7-8	No cost for use	Scheduling after school use	20	Need 1 more softball field	\$0.00	supports our 3 teams on 1 field		
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Softball Field	Softball	Spring	Ararat League: age 9-12	No cost for use	Scheduling after school use	30	Need 1 more softball field		as available		
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Practice Field	Lacrosse	Spring, Summer	Grade 7/8 Girls, Boys	Spring	Scheduling around school use-multiple sports	40	Use High School Practice Field	\$0.00			
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf Field	Lacrosse	Spring	Try it Lacrosse	Spring	Scheduling around school use-multiple sports	20	Sundays, no conflicts	\$0.00			
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf Field	Youth Track & Field	Summer	Coed - Age 7 to 14		Scheduling around school use-multiple sports	30-50 depending on year	Use 2 nights a week/1 day for home meet	\$0.00			
Mt Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf Field	Field Hockey	Spring, Summer, Fall	Grade Pre-K - 6 & Travel		Scheduling around school use-multiple sports	70	Use after HS Practice	\$0.00	Plays games on Sundays (Home/Away)		
Mt. Ararat High School	Outdoor	Turf Field	Lacrosse Games	Spring, Summer	Games on Sunday			60	Host games on Sunday (3 Times a Spring)	\$0.00			
Mt Ararat Middle School	Indoor	Gymnasium	Basketball	Winter	7/8 Girls, Boys	No cost for use, 1 court	Scheduling around school & town use	35			Can only run on Saturdays no weekday time	Consider partnership or build 1 new gym improve scheduling control for winter activities	

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Topsham Public Library	Indoor	Topsham Public Library	Santa Reads	Winter		Good synergy for co-sponsored events	Not Town-managed		40-80				
Transfer Station	Indoor	Blue Storage Building	Storage and winter maintenance projects	Year-round	Outdoor equipment storage								
Transfer Station	Outdoor	Ponds	Fishing rallies/Ice Fishing	Spring/Winter	Open to all residents		Water depth/ temps not suited to hot weather			\$0.00			
Transfer Station	Outdoor	Trails		Year-round	Open to all residents					\$0.00			
Transfer Station	Outdoor	Pump track	Bike rallies/ skills area	Spring, Summer, Fall	Open to all residents								
Williams-Cone School	Indoor	Gymnasium	Basketball Practice	Weekdays Nov-Feb	Non-Rec Basketball	Can only fit 1 team	Not a great match for space needs: too small for rec basketball		3 nights a week for 8 week season in winter	\$0.00	Smaller Court no ability to lower hoops	Consider partnership or build 1 new gym improve space and scheduling control for winter activities	
Williams-Cone School	Indoor	Gymnasium	Basketball Games	Weekends Nov-Feb	Non-Rec Basketball	Can only fit 1 team	Not a great match for space needs: too small for rec basketball		as needed			Consider partnership or build 1 new gym improve space and scheduling control for winter activities	
Williams-Cone School	Indoor	Gymnasium	Women's Volleyball	Weeknight (Fall-Spring)	Less competitive Womens Volley ball	Becoming a limitation as team gets more competitive and numbers grow.	Looking at HS for additional volleyball courts: auxiliary gym. Need to purchase poles		24	\$0.00	Net is troublesome (not tight) space	Consider partnership or build 1 new gym improve space and scheduling control for winter activities	Non-Rec function include Girl Scouts in Art room. Year round function
Woodside Elementary School	Indoor	Gymnasiums	Basketball Games/Practices	Winter	3/4 Girls, Boys + Travel	No cost for use, 1 Court	Scheduling around school & town use		80 Use 3 nights a week for 4 hours	\$0.00		Consider partnership or build 1 new gym improve space and scheduling control for winter activities	Non-Rec functions include Girl Scouts/ Cub Scouts, Family Focus, Before and after school care. Year round uses.
Woodside Elementary School	Indoor	Gymnasium	Basketball Games	Weekends Nov-Feb	Woodside only works up to 4th grade. OK for 5/6 practice but not games. 3/4 court.		3/4-size tile court	same	Games on Saturday for 5-6 hours (8 weeks)	\$0.00			Non-Rec functions include Girl Scouts/ Cub Scouts, Family Focus, Before and after school care. Year round uses.
Fairgrounds	Outdoor	Fairgrounds	Trick or trunk-a-thon				No alternative indoor space in the event of bad weather.						

FACILITY SUMMARY: SCHOOL FACILITIES

Recomendation Consider partnership opportunities especially for winter activities

Demand



Spring



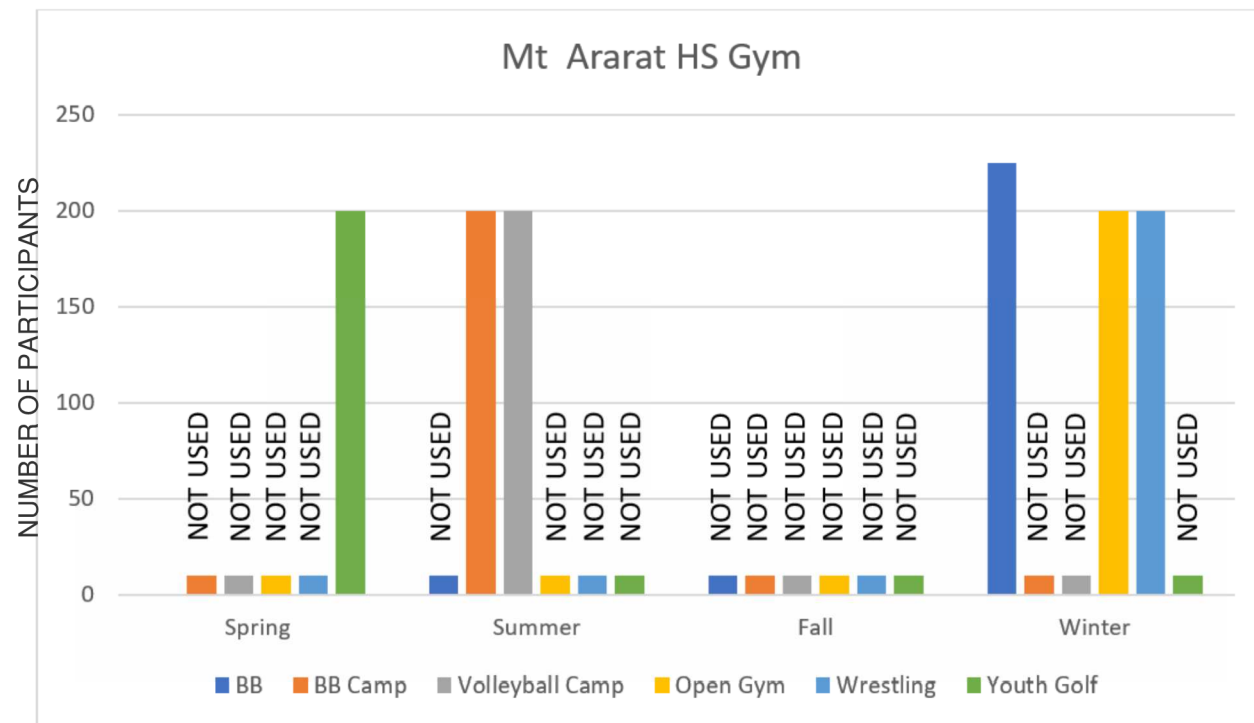
Summer



Fall



Winter



Space



Main Gym Auxilliary Gym

Facility

Mt Ararat High School Gyms

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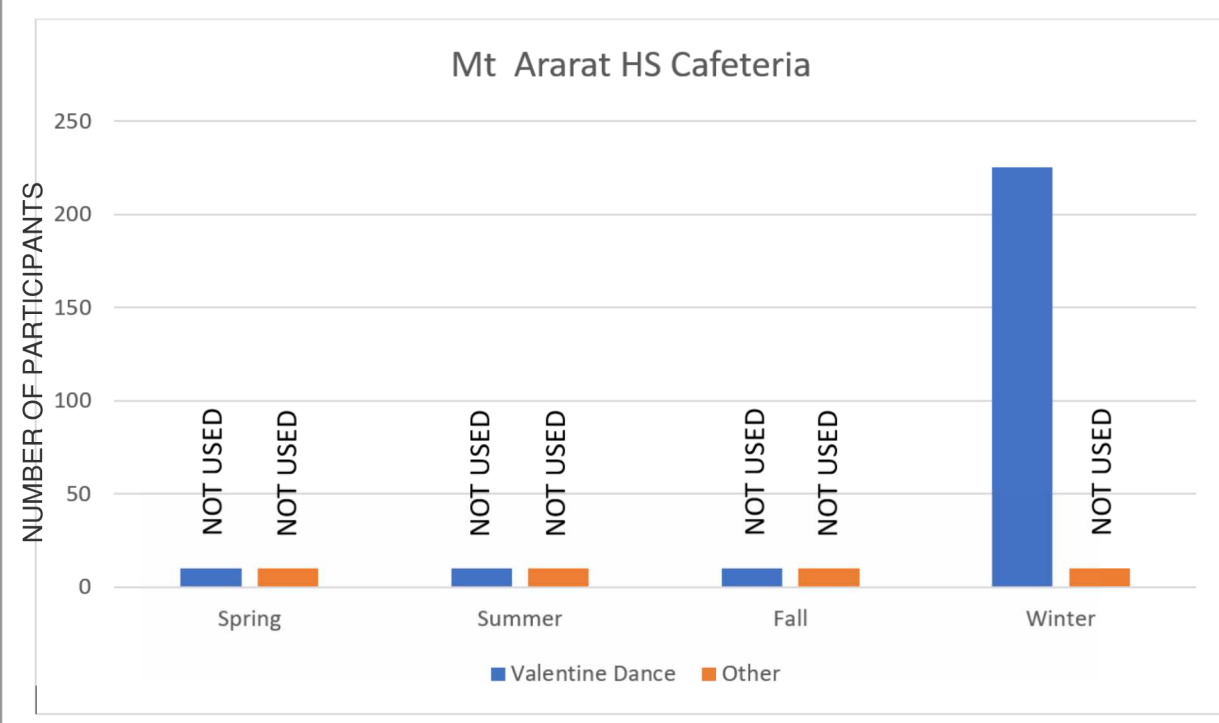
Summer



Fall



Winter



Cafeteria

Mt Ararat High School Cafeteria

FACILITY SUMMARY: ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

Recomendation

Maintain

Maintain

Maintain/
Consider absorbing
Elementary programs

Consider
partnership
opportunities

Demand

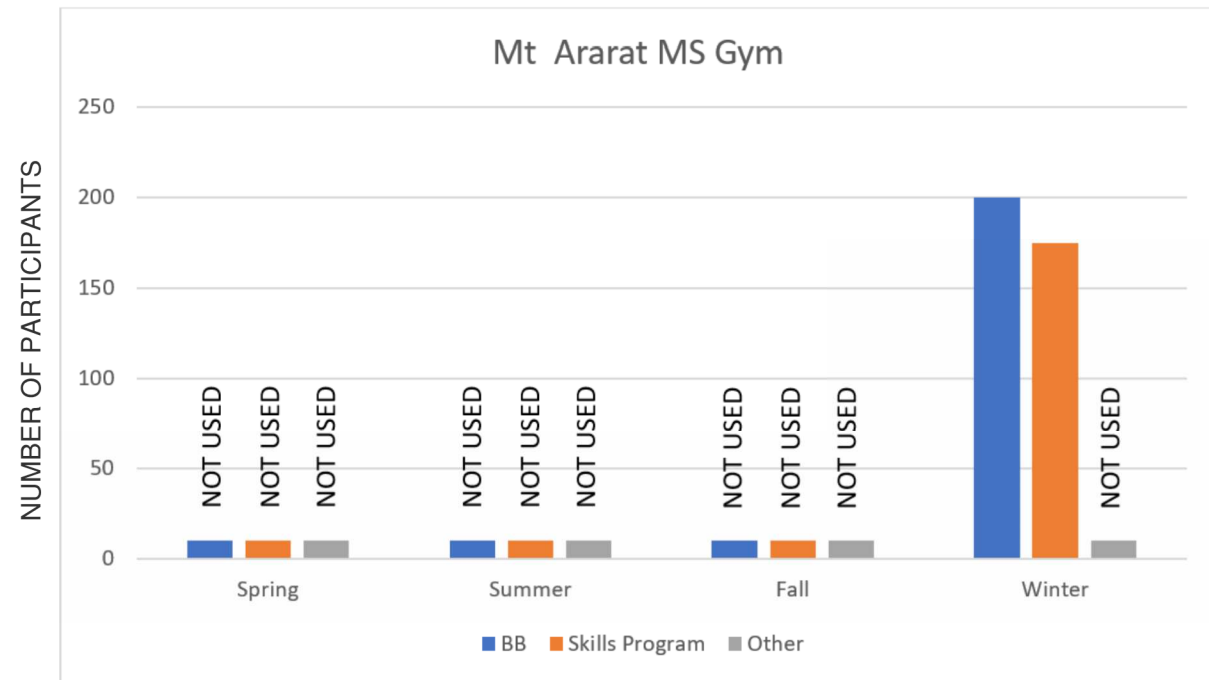


Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter



Space



Facility

Mt Ararat MS Gym

FACILITY SUMMARY: SCHOOL FACILITIES

Recomendation

Maintain

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Consider using
HS or MS Gym

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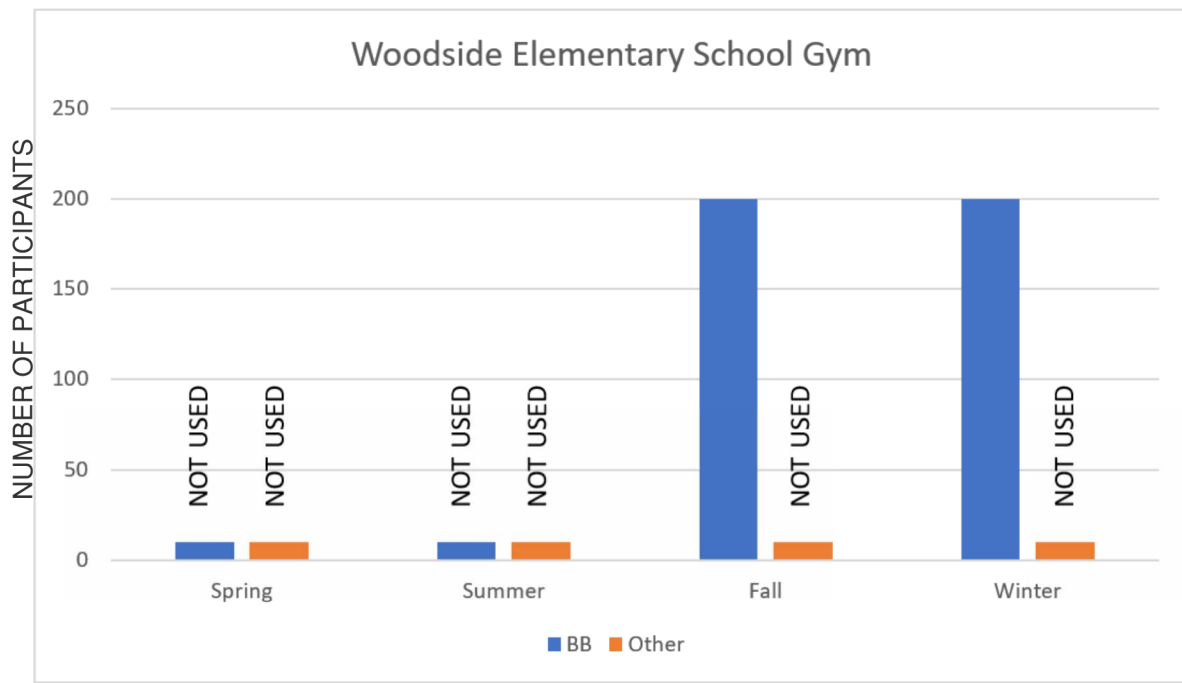


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Space



Main Gym

Facility

Woodside Elementary School

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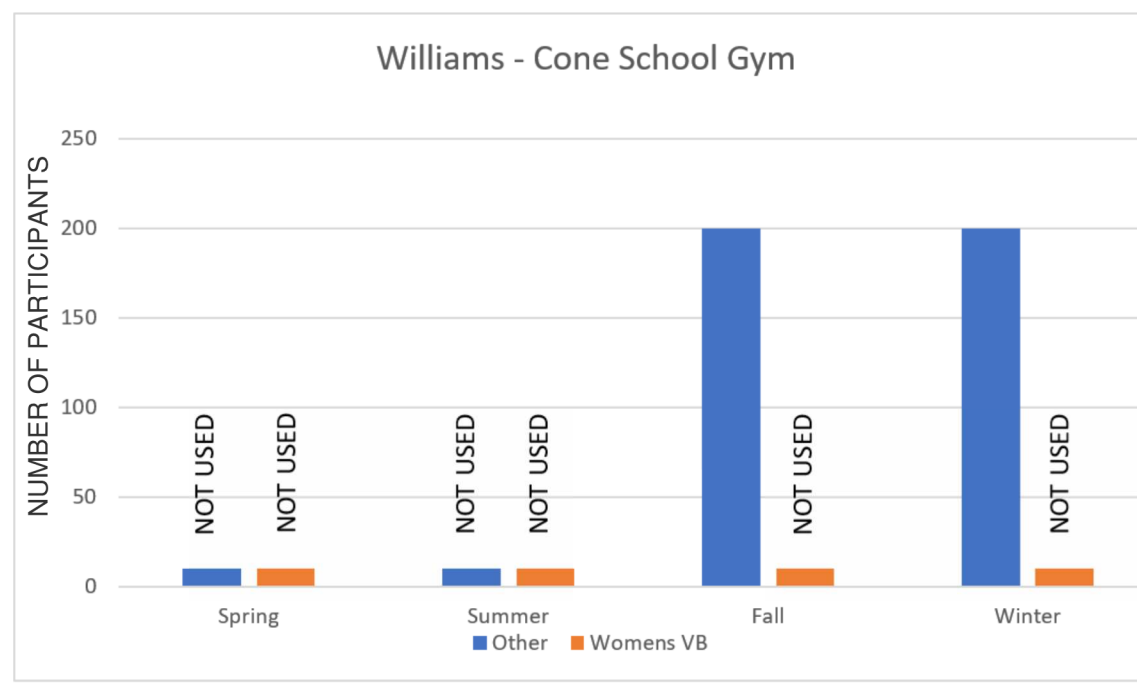


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Fall

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Main Gym

Williams-Cone School