



MINNESOTA SAFE LEARNING SURVEY

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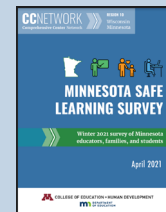
On July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed [Executive Order 20-82](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, directing schools to use a localized, data-driven approach to operate schools across the state. Between August 2020 and January 2021, schools have moved in and out of different modes of learning based on data in their region and exposure to COVID-19 within their communities or schools.

The Wisconsin-Minnesota Comprehensive Center ([WMCC](#))—housed at the University of Minnesota’s ([UMN](#)) Center for Applied Research & Educational Improvement ([CAREI](#)), the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative ([WEC](#)), and Education Analytics ([EA](#))—worked with the Minnesota Department of Education to develop and administer the Minnesota Safe Learning Survey. The purpose of this survey was to get a true picture of how those being most impacted by the Safe Learning Plan—educators, students (grades 6–12), and families—are experiencing it. This information will inform future MDE planning and support that the WMCC and the UMN’s College of Education and Human Development may be able to provide MDE, policymakers, districts, and schools.

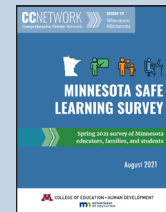
The survey was deployed in February and May–June 2021, and statewide reports (linked at right) were released in April and August 2021, respectively.



Access the Reports



Winter 2021 Survey
Over 23,000 respondents, including 9,333 educators, 2,988 students, and 11,651 family members



Spring 2021 Survey
Over 10,500 respondents, including 2,799 educators, 1,711 students, and 6,025 family members

The Minnesota Safe Learning Survey will be distributed once more, in October 2021, in order to try and ascertain what can be learned from this unprecedented time. We hope all of Minnesota’s educational leaders will help in distributing subsequent surveys to educators, families, and students in their district or school.