

Understanding Partnerships

School/community partnerships are more than a one-sided relationship that provides resources and support to schools. A true partnership is beneficial to all collaborators. Use this tool to determine the level of partnership your school is at in working with community entities.

		Degree of Power Sharing		
		Cooperating	Coordinating	Collaborating
		Using resources to assist other agencies	Organizing or combining resources to more effectively reach a mutual goal	Collectively applying resources toward problems which lack clear ownership
Degree of Resource Sharing	Contributing Resources	School and community contribute resources to project or effort; contribution is clearly defined and usually material.	Reconciling Activities	Sharing Program Responsibilities
	Promoting Others	School and community willingly share information about the work and services of others.	Sharing Resources	Creating New Systems or Programs
	Sharing Information	School and community share information on a formal or informal basis.	Joint Projects	Collective Planning

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