

Type 6: Collaborating with Community

Connect families to services and resources from the community; provide learning opportunities and services to the community.

Sample Practices

- School provides information to link families to community health, recreation, cultural, and support services and programs
- School provides information on community activities to strengthen student skills and talents, including after-school and summer programs
- School provides service-learning opportunities for students that meet a community need
- Students host programs for community members (e.g., art, music or drama, computer education, recycling, or tutoring)
- District and community agency(ies) host a series of parent forums to discuss important issues related to youth health or safety (e.g., gangs, truancy, illnesses)
- School building is available for community use during after-school hours.

Challenges

- Keep goal of children's learning and well-being at forefront of negotiations around funding, turf, and responsibility
- Ensure equal access of all families to educational and community service opportunities

Welcome the voice and participation of all community members, not only those with children in school.