



PARTNERSHIP DISTRICT AWARDS

NNPS invites applications for the Partnership District Awards to recognize **EXCELLENT** programs of school, family, and community partnerships. YOUR DISTRICT is eligible to apply if it has been a member of NNPS for **two years or more** and can show that it is:

- a) **developing strong leadership** for family and community involvement and
- b) **directly facilitating schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs)** to develop research-based, sustainable partnership programs.

At least one school in the district also must be a member of NNPS.

Put your district in the spotlight! Celebrate the hard work that you, your colleagues, and schools' ATPs are doing to **involve more families in ways that support student success**. Help others see what leaders can do to keep improving district and school-based partnership programs from year to year.



TAKE THESE 2 STEPS!



- 1.** Select **2 SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES** that your office conducted in this school year that you want to share with other district leaders in NNPS—one that addresses **Topic A** and one that addresses **Topic B**.

Topic A. Conduct District-Level Leadership for Partnerships. One activity must focus clearly on **leadership to strengthen the district's partnership policies and practices, in general**. This may include how you increased awareness of the importance of school, family, and community partnerships, obtained support from district administrators and colleagues, aligned partnerships with district policies, provided services to parents, or improved leadership on partnerships in other ways.

Topic B. Facilitate School-Based Action Teams for Partnerships. One activity must focus clearly on **how you directly assisted schools' ATPs to build their capacity to work with their own students' families**. This must be a different activity from Topic A. It may describe how you or your office provided professional development workshops, training, or other support to help schools' ATPs:

- **improve their school-based partnership programs.**
- **share knowledge of best practices** and success stories among schools.
- **document progress** or **evaluate** the quality of their partnership programs.

HOW TO APPLY. You may submit:

2 Promising Partnership Practices Questionnaires

OR

1 Promising Partnership Practices Questionnaire and 1 NARRATIVE (your own summary)

For the QUESTIONNAIRE: Go to the NNPS website at www.partnershipschools.org. Click on **Success Stories**, then **Promising Partnership Practices**, and **Submit a Practice for districts**. Your team will complete 2 questionnaires—one for TOPIC A and one for TOPIC B (above). One of these may be the activity that you submitted for review for *Promising Partnership Practices*. The other one must be a different activity that fits Topic A or B. Label them clearly.

For the NARRATIVE: Include a title and identify if you are addressing Topic A or B. Then, in 2-3 double-spaced typed pages – no more than 800 words, tell:

- What was the goal of the activity? What challenge were you trying to solve?
- What was done to organize and implement the activity?
- Who were the participants?
- What were the **results** of the activity? **How were results observed or measured?**

Note: For Topic A and B, your office and the district may not yet excel in all aspects of leadership for partnerships, but your application must show how you are making progress in the activity you described.



2. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Create a **COVER PAGE** for the **Partnership District Award** application.

List ALL of the following:

1. Name of District
2. Key Contact to NNPS
3. District Address
4. Key Contact's Phone
5. Key Contact's E-mail Address
6. District Website
7. Superintendent
8. Summer contact person, phone, email
9. Topic A—Title of Activity
10. Topic B—Title of Activity



APPLICATION CHECKLIST **SEE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENT**



Check the boxes ☒ to be sure that you submit ALL of the following to NNPS by mail or as E-mail attachments.

- ☐ **Cover page** with the 10 items of information listed above.
- ☐ **Responses to Topics A and B** (clearly labeled).
- ☐ **REQUIRED ATTACHMENT.** Copy of the district's Leadership Plan for Partnerships for this school year. The district leader's written plan or work schedule on partnerships may be on an NNPS or locally developed form.
- ☐ **Optional attachments** for Topic A and B. You may include **1 or 2 attachments**, maximum (e.g., flyers, policies, agendas, videos, photos, or other relevant material) to show how each activity was planned, publicized, implemented, and/or evaluated.

Keep a copy all parts of your submission for your records.
You will receive a confirmation that NNPS received your application.

Submit ALL items by JUNE 30

Email or mail to NNPS



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