

# National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University

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*Educators and families agree  
that school, family, and  
community partnerships  
are essential for  
children's success in school.*

*Based on more than  
three decades of research  
and the work of many  
educators, parents, students,  
and others, we know that  
it is possible for all  
elementary, middle, and  
high schools to  
develop and sustain strong  
programs of partnerships  
that help students succeed.*

*Districts, states, and  
organizations  
can establish policies  
and take leadership to  
help all schools develop  
excellent programs of  
partnerships.*

*As a member of the  
National Network of  
Partnership Schools (NNPS),  
you will be guided, supported,  
and recognized in your efforts  
to improve and maintain  
goal-oriented school, family,  
and community connections.*

## What is the National Network of Partnership Schools?

Established at Johns Hopkins University in 1996, the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) assists schools, districts, states, and organizations that are committed to developing strong programs of school, family, and community partnerships. Each Partnership School strengthens its program with an Action Team for Partnerships, the framework of six types of involvement to engage parents in different ways, and a written action plan for goal-oriented family and community involvement linked to the school improvement plan. Partnership Districts, States, and Organizations assist schools to develop, evaluate, and continually improve their programs of family and community engagement for student success in school.

## Why Become a Member of NNPS?

- ★ Comprehensive handbook to guide partnership program development
- ★ Monthly e-brief communications from NNPS
- ★ On-call technical assistance from NNPS Facilitators
- ★ *Type 2 Blog*
- ★ Annual collection, *Promising Partnership Practices*
- ★ Posters of six "keys" to successful partnerships in English and Spanish
- ★ NNPS Partnership Awards Program
- ★ NNPS website and webinars
- ★ Certificate of membership

Members benefit from the experience of the NNPS staff and by sharing ideas with other schools, districts, organizations, and states working to increase and improve partnerships. Communications share creative solutions for improving family and community involvement.

## Who May Join the NNPS?

Membership is open to all schools, districts, states, and organizations that agree to the requirements listed on the following page.



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**Partnership Schools**  
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# Membership Requirements

*Developing good connections of home, school, and community is an on-going process that takes time, organization, and effort.*

*NNPS offers a research-based framework, tools, and strategies that enable all schools, districts, and states to organize school, family, and community partnerships to improve schools, strengthen families, and increase student success.*

*Organization and university partners are welcome to join NNPS to assist schools and districts in their projects and regions.*

Members work with NNPS to improve connections with students, families, and communities. Schools, districts, and states must meet a few goals and requirements.

## At the SCHOOL LEVEL, each Partnership School

- ✓ Create an Action Team for Partnerships.
- ✓ Use the framework of six types of involvement to plan and implement a goal-oriented program of family and community engagement linked to school improvement plans.
- ✓ Allocate an annual budget for activities in the team's One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships.
- ✓ Allocate time for an initial One-Day Team-Training Workshop and at least one hour per month for the Action Team for Partnerships to meet to plan and evaluate activities.

## At the DISTRICT LEVEL, each Partnership District will:

- ✓ Assign the equivalent of one full-time facilitator to assist 20 to 30 schools to create their Action Teams for Partnerships. Part-time coordinators may work in districts with fewer than 20 schools.
- ✓ Allocate an annual budget for the district facilitator's salary and activities to strengthen partnership programs.
- ✓ Assist each participating school to fulfill the requirements listed above for the school level.

## At the STATE LEVEL, each Partnership State will:

- ✓ Identify a leader for school, family, and community partnerships.
- ✓ Support the leader and adequate staff to conduct leadership activities and outreach to districts and schools to improve goal-linked programs of family and community engagement.
- ✓ Allocate an annual budget for the work of this office.

## Organizations use the NNPS Organization Membership Form.

### ALL MEMBERS will:

- ✓ Complete an annual UPDATE survey to evaluate and report progress and to renew membership in NNPS.

To join NNPS, there is a \$500 processing fee for schools, districts, states, and organizations. Annual renewal fees of \$250 are sent with an **end-of-school year UPDATE SURVEY** to evaluate progress.

**If your school, district, state, or organization is ready to develop strong programs of school, family, and community partnerships for student success, you are invited to join the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS).**

For more information and membership forms visit  
[www.partnershipschools.org](http://www.partnershipschools.org) and click **Join NNPS**.

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