



WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS

Aligned Community Partnerships

Aligned community partnerships happen when school staff and community partners collaborate around all SEL-related efforts and initiatives, creating shared motivations, goals, strategies, and communication. This is one of the [10 indicators of schoolwide SEL](#), which outline what high-quality SEL looks like when part of students' daily educational experiences. Read our [full research snapshot](#) to learn more.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?



Types of Partnerships

Determining the types of partnerships needed requires input from students, teachers, and parents in the community. Most often, these partnerships focus on students' health and wellness or enrich their learning and support networks.



Necessary Conditions

Effective partnerships require:

- Reciprocal relationships
- Shared goals
- Strong leadership
- Teacher commitment.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Improved Attendance

Strong community partnerships are linked to better attendance. In one study, students' truancy rates decreased by 75% after a group of community organizations partnered with their school.

Skill Development & College Readiness

Studies have shown increases in students' self-efficacy, skill development, and college readiness and ambition after engaging with community partners.

Family Engagement

Partnerships focused on school and family relationships improve communication and collaboration. One such partnership led to a 22% increase in parent participation in school-based activities.