

Path 3 - Comprehensive Model

The Solid Foundation® model enables the school to put in place a first-class parental involvement program, with all the evidence-based components of a strong school community.

The School Community Council, comprised of the principal, teachers, and parents, is responsible for implementing model, meeting twice each month and following the field-tested, well-structured agendas in the SCC Planning Guide.

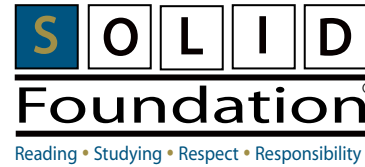
The Solid Foundation® computerized data and documentation system provides careful tracking of progress and generates progress reports useful in school improvement plans and proposals for funding.

The model is put in place over a two-year period, and the SCC continues to build upon this base of excellence for continuous improvement of the school community.

By the third year, the school has integrated the model into its way of operating, continuing to enhancing its policies, programs, and practices.

ADI grants the Partner Organization rights to use the SCC Planning Guide, Resource Manual, and computerized data and documentation system in all the schools it serves.

Cost to School	An annual budget of \$4,000 is suggested for use by the SCC in carrying out its planned activities. Also, see Path 2 fees for survey costs in Years 1 and 3 of implementation.
Cost to Partner Organization	\$6,500 one-time licensing fee for rights to program, data system, and 3-day training, plus travel expense if training is on site. No limit on number of schools served.



Strategies to fit your school's purpose and plan.

See www.adi.org for more information.
Select Solid Foundation® tab.

Also see www.families-schools.org.

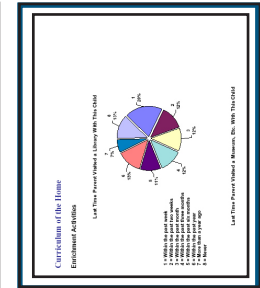
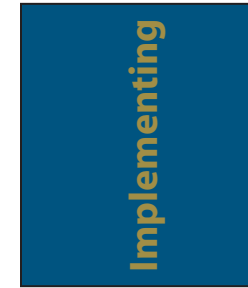
Or call:
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The web-based Solid Foundation® resource manual is full of research-based strategies, trainings, curriculum, forms, and tools that assist the school team in implementing its action plan.



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Solid Foundation®

Student success within a strong school community

Three Paths To a Strong School Community

Path 1 – Assess/Plan/Implement

Path 1 is a web-based process that guides a school team through 10 efficient and effective steps to:

- assess the school community’s strengths and areas for improvement,
- develop a 2-year plan, and
- implement the plan with abundant resources.

Solid Foundation is evidence-based and designed to:

- strengthen family-school connections,
- engage parents in children’s learning, and
- improve student academic and social learning.

The process is directed by the principal and a school team (school improvement team or other school-based team that includes the principal, teacher representatives, parent representatives, and parent facilitator).

An External Partner (from a Partner Organization) assists the school team in the process. The Partner Organization may be the school district, a Parent Information Resource Center, State Education Agency, or other organization. External Partners are personnel from the Partner Organization who are trained and certified in the Solid Foundation process.

Cost to School	No cost to school
Cost to Partner Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 one-time licensing fee for the Partner Organization to use both Path 1 and/or Path 2 programs. All staff in the Partner Organization who will work with schools may then be trained. • \$100 for each External Partner trained in Solid Foundation Path 1. Training is a 2 hour webinar training and includes a Partner kit. <p>No limit on schools served.</p>

10 Efficient Steps for a Strong School Community for Paths 1 and 2

Step 1: Hold Orientation Meeting. The principal forms the school team and schedules meeting led by the External Partner.

Step 2: Complete School Information Form
The principal completes School Information Form online.

Step 3: Gather Key Documents.
The principal gathers 6 key documents for the External Partner and school team.

Step 4: Complete Policy Analysis
The External Partner (with school team when possible) reviews School Information Form and scores the 6 key documents with the Solid Foundation rubrics.

Step 5: Complete School Community Survey
Path 1: The school team completes a School Community Survey.

Path 2: Teachers, parents (students in high school) complete School Community Surveys.

Step 6. Download Resource Manual
The principal prints three (or more) copies of the Resource Manual for the school team.

Step 7: Complete Needs Assessment
The school team completes a needs assessment.

Step 8: Create Action Plan
The school team develops a two-year plan based on the needs assessment and using selected sections of the Resource Manual.

Step 9: Implement Action Plan
The principal leads the school team and other staff and volunteers in implementing the action plan.

Step 10: Monitor and Evaluate Progress
The school team monitors progress with implementation and updates the action plan; the External Partner reviews and offers suggestions.

Path 2 - School Community Index

The School Community Index adds to Path 1 a powerful tool for a more thorough self-assessment by surveying parents, teachers (and students in high schools). The survey not only obtains the input of parents and teachers (and students in high schools), but gathers important information about parents’ involvement with the school and engagement with their children at home.

The 90-page School Community Index provides information compiled from surveys, school information, and analysis of key documents. The Index is a tool designed to help the school learn more about itself, not to make comparisons with other schools.

The Index report helps a school team examine their data, draw conclusions, set priorities, and develop an action plan. The External Partner and school team receive 12 copies of the report complete with charts and graphs.

The School Community Index report provides rich data for making decisions and verifying progress.

Cost to School	Cost of surveys and reports for school
K-8	\$1,250 plus \$1 per student
9-12	\$1,250 plus \$2 per student
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