



Characteristics of the National Network of Partnership School Model

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NNPS is a research based program, that helps guide, support, and recognize efforts to improve partnerships between school, families, and the community.

- **TEAM approach**
 - Representative committee (teachers, parents, principals, staff & community members)
 - Builds parent-teacher relationships
 - Builds school-community relationships

- **CLEAR, SHARED GOALS**
 - NNPS Action Plans are tied to school improvement plans (2 academic, 1 school environment, 1 behavioral or other)
 - Builds parent-teacher-community relationships that are connected to specific goals

- **PROGRESSION**
 - Assemble team
 - NNPS membership including resources & network supports
 - Full day orientation
 - Inventory - take stock of current activities & prioritize
 - Create an action plan
 - Attend monthly committee meetings
 - Evaluate results

- **CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT PROVIDER NETWORK MEETINGS**

6 Keys to Successful Partnerships

Apply each strategy to your specific goals

- * Provide appropriate PARENTING information
- * Effectively COMMUNICATE
- * Create targeted VOLUNTEER opportunities
- * Support Learning at Home
- * Opportunities for input in Decision-Making
- * Connect to Community Resources

How is this different from parent involvement coordinators? While some of the activities and strategies overlap, the biggest difference is the *team ownership - across teachers and parents* - for developing parent and community partnerships *tied to achieving school improvement goals*.

How is this different from the PTO? PTO's provide broad and diverse functions, including fundraising and social activities. This team is focused on organizing and coordinating SPECIFIC, TARGETED work connected to school improvement goals and student achievement. A PTO liaison would be on the team, which helps to align parent and community partnership activities in support of clear priorities. This team does not replace or supplant the PTO - it is more like a teacher, parent and community subcommittee that is focused on strengthening partnerships to achieve school improvement goals.

Is there funding? PIRC offers \$1,000 grants to all schools who sign on to NNPS. Schools who are not making AYP and are Title I, will receive \$3,000 in grant funds from PIRC.

Why would you select this model? It is researched based and provides tools to develop school-family partnerships that support student success. *It offers training and resources to effectively develop relationships between teachers, parents and the community to improve student achievement and engagement.* It aligns with our (and national) research that identify teacher-parent-community relationships as a key influence on parent involvement.