

# About the Coalition



*Because Every Child Deserves Every Chance*

## COALITION FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Coalition for Community Schools is an alliance of national, state, and local organizations in education, K–16, youth development, community planning and development, family support, health and human services, government, and philanthropy as well as national, state, and local community school networks.

### VISION:

Schools are center of flourishing communities where everyone belongs, works together, and thrives.

### MISSION:

To unite school, community and family for young people's success.

### CORE VALUES:

- Foster Strong Partnerships—Partners share their resources and expertise and work together to design community schools and make them work.
- Share Accountability for Results—Clear, mutually agreed-upon results drive the work of community schools. Data helps partners measure progress toward results. Agreements enable them to hold each other accountable and move beyond “turf battles.”
- Set High Expectations for All—Community schools are organized to support learning. Children, youth, and adults are expected to learn at high standards and be contributing members of their community.
- Build on the Community's Strengths—Community schools marshal the assets of the entire community, including the people who live and work there, local organizations, and the school.
- Embrace Diversity—Community schools know their communities. They work to develop respect and a strong positive identity for people of diverse backgrounds; and they are committed to the welfare of the whole community.

### STRATEGIES:

- Fuel Partners and Weave Networks
- Cultivate Quality Community Schools
- Catalytic Steps to Build a Strong Field
- Advocate for Supportive Policy and Funding
- Strengthen the Research and Evidence Base



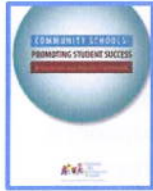
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# Key Coalition for Community School Resources



## **Community Schools: Promoting Student Success, A Rationale and Results Framework**

This framework outlines the rationale for community schools as a primary vehicle for increasing student success and strengthening families and community, and defines specific results that community schools seek. [http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/CS\\_Results\\_Framework.pdf](http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/CS_Results_Framework.pdf)

## **Financing Community Schools: Leveraging Resources to Support Student Success**

This report highlights how community school initiatives are bringing together multiple funding streams so resources are used more efficiently and have greater impact. <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/finance-paper.pdf>



## **Community Schools are an Essential Equity Strategy**

Our equity framework articulates our beliefs and plan of action to deepen the focus on equity in the community schools movement. <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/CS%20Equity%20Framework%20-%20Final%20Working%20Draft.pdf>

## **The Role of Community Schools in Place-Based Initiatives**

This paper explores the relationship and need for aligning resources in a clearly defined “place” to collectively improve outcomes for children, youth, families, and communities. [http://www.communityschools.org/resources/place\\_based\\_initiatives.aspx](http://www.communityschools.org/resources/place_based_initiatives.aspx)

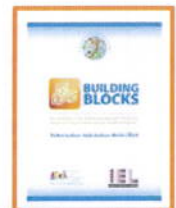


## **Scaling Up School and Community Partnerships: The Community Schools Strategy**

This guide builds on both practice and research to describe the what, why, and how of system-wide expansion of community schools. <http://www.communityschools.org/ScalingUp>

## **Building Blocks: An Examination of the Collaborative Approach Community Schools are Using to Bolster Early Childhood Development**

This summary provides an overview of how community schools are building bridges with early childhood programs. <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/REVISED%20BB%20DOC-1-7-13.pdf>



## **The Growing Convergence of Community Schools and Expanded Learning Opportunities**

This report captures the scope and nature of expanded learning opportunities in community school partnerships. [http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/ELORReport\\_TheGrowingConvergenceofCommunitySchoolsandExpandedLearningOpportunities.pdf](http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/ELORReport_TheGrowingConvergenceofCommunitySchoolsandExpandedLearningOpportunities.pdf)