Community Schools Community of Practice: Introduction to Community Schools: Community Schools 101

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• Welcome & Introductions

• Community Schools Overview

• Coalition for Community Schools, Institute for Educational Leadership
  – Introduction to Community Schools: Community Schools 101

• Best Practices
  – DC Scholars Public Charter School
  – Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative at Jefferson Academy & Amidon Bowen Elementary School

• CoP Meeting Schedule
What is a Community School?

Community Schools Animation Video

"Could someone help me with these? I'm late for math class."
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

• A **public and private community partnership**
• Coordinates educational, developmental, family, health, and after-school-care programs during school and non-school hours for students, families, and local communities at a public school or public charter school

**Objectives:**

– Improve academic achievement
– Reduce absenteeism
– Building stronger relationships between students, parents, and communities
– Improve the skills, capacity, and well-being of the surrounding community residents
If schools work in partnership with parents and community members to help build resources and support for students and their families…

Increased academic success for District students is possible!
Given the theory of action, the following are results of a successful community school implementation:

- Children are ready to enter school;
- Students succeed academically;
- Students are actively involved in learning in their community;
- Students are healthy: physically, socially, and emotionally;
- Students live and learn in stable and supportive environments;
- Families are actively involved in children’s education; and
- Communities are desirable places to live.
Community Schools Overview: Supports & Services

Supports and Services include:

• Academic-enrichment activities
• Adult education
• Child-care services
• College, Career & Citizenship
• Community Engagement
• Early childhood development and education
• Family engagement services
• Family Engagement
• Medical and dental care
• Mental health promotion and treatment services
• Parent leadership programs
• Nutrition services
• Truancy prevention programs
• Youth development programs and services
Nationally, community schools have proven to be successful in:

- **Reducing** absenteeism
- **Improving** health and wellbeing of students and their families, and
- **Increasing** the rates of high school graduation and college attendance.
Coalition for Community Schools
Community Schools: 101
Best Practices:
DC Scholars PCS
Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative at JA & AB
CoP Meeting Schedule
Upcoming Tentative CoP Schedule
• Dec. 6, 2018, 1-3 p.m.
• Feb. 7, 2019, 1-3 p.m.
• April 18, 2019, 1-3 p.m.
• June 5, 2019, 2-4 p.m.

Topic suggestions are welcomed. CoP sessions will be announced in OSSE’s LEA Look Forward and DC Public Charter School Board’s Wednesday Bulletin.
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