

2009 PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL AWARDS



NNPS invites applications for the 2009 Partnership School Awards to recognize excellent programs of school, family, and community partnerships. Your school is eligible to apply if it has been a member of NNPS for **two years or more** and can show it is developing a research-based, sustainable program of family and community involvement.


Put your school in the spotlight to celebrate the hard work that the Action Team for Partnerships, colleagues, and families are doing to involve more families in ways that support student success!



TAKE THESE 3 STEPS!

- 1.** Submit one of your school's best practices for review for *Promising Partnership Practices 2009*. **Submit on line at www.partnershipschools.org**. Click on Success Stories and Submit a Practice for schools. **THIS PART IS DUE BY May 15.**

NOTE:

Your ATP may use the school's 2009 *Promising Partnership Practice* questionnaire as the response to either Topic A or B (below). Make an extra copy of the questionnaire that you submitted to NNPS and submit it with your award application. Label it "For Award Application - Topic ___." In this way, you have completed one-half of the award application! 

- 2.** Meet with the full Action Team for Partnerships (ATP) to discuss topics A and B, below. **Complete the award application and send it by mail OR e-mail to NNPS by June 30.** (Keep a copy of all submissions for school records.)



A. MEET A CHALLENGE TO INVOLVE MORE FAMILIES

As a team, discuss one difficult challenge that your ATP addressed in the past two years to involve families who might not otherwise have been involved in their children's education at school OR at home.

Describe the **challenge**, the involvement **activity**, what was done to **increase outreach** to families, and the **changes in involvement that occurred** from that effort. In a full description, tell if and how **teamwork**, **written plans**, and **collegial support** contributed to the success of this practice. Also, explain **how the ATP measured the growth or change** in the involvement of families.

NOTE:

- Your ATP may not have fully resolved the challenge, but must **show progress** in the description and examples. Limit the description to **2-3 double-spaced typed pages** – no more than 750 words.
- Optional attachments. You may include 1 or 2 (maximum) attachments (e.g., flyers, policies, agendas, videos, photos, or other relevant material) to document how the selected activity was planned, publicized, implemented, and/or evaluated.

B. REACH RESULTS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

As a team, discuss one family or community involvement activity (different from the one above) conducted in the past two years that was designed to help students reach one important school improvement goal. This may be a goal to improve achievement in reading, math, science, or other academic subjects, attendance, behavior, health, postsecondary planning, or other goals for student success in school.

Identify the **goal**, the involvement **activity**, what was done, which families and students were involved, and the **results** of the activity. In a full description, tell how **teamwork, written plans, and collegial support** contributed to the success of this practice. **Also, explain how the ATP observed, documented, OR formally measured the results for students.**

NOTE:

- Your school may not have reached 100% success for all students on the selected goal, but must show **how the involvement activity was designed to contribute to student success.**
- Limit the description to **2-3 double-spaced typed pages** – no more than 750 words.
- Optional attachments. Include 1 or 2 (maximum) attachments (e.g., flyers, policies, agendas, videos, photos, or other relevant material) to document how the activity was planned, publicized, implemented, and/or evaluated.

3. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

A. Create a COVER PAGE for the application for a **2009 Partnership School Award**. List all of the following:

1. Name of school
2. Chairperson(s) of the Action Team for Partnerships
3. School address
4. Phone
5. Fax
6. E-mail address
7. Website
8. Principal
9. Summer contact
10. Summer contact's phone and e-mail

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check and submit **ALL** of the following to NNPS by mail or as e-mail attachments

- Cover page with the 10 items of information listed above.
- Responses to Topics A and B. Label one *Promising Partnership Practices* questionnaire for **EITHER** topic A or B. Include a copy of that questionnaire and the response to the other topic in this application.
- REQUIRED attachment.** Copy of the ATP's One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships for the 08-09 (this) school year.
- REQUIRED attachment.** List of all ATP members in 08-09, with full names, positions (e.g., teacher, parent, principal, community member, etc.), and **signatures** to indicate the team's support for this application.
- Optional attachments** for Topic A and B (2 each/maximum).

B. Submit ALL items by JUNE 30, 2009 by mail OR e-mail to:



Dr. Joyce L. Epstein and Awards Committee
National Network of Partnership Schools
Johns Hopkins University
3003 N. Charles Street, Suite 200
Baltimore, MD 21218

OR

E-Mail Word files and all attachments or .pdf documents to nnps@csos.jhu.edu.

Check for a confirmation from NNPS that the e-mailed application and attachments were received.

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