



PARTNERSHIP

"You give me half the fish, and I tell my mom to let you live."

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Every Student Succeeds Act

- **WELL ROUNDED EDUCATION** - ...courses, activities and programming in subjects such as English, reading or language arts, writing, science technology, engineering, mathematics, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography, computer science, music, career and technical education, health, physical education, and any other subject, as determined by the state or local educational agency, with the purpose of providing all students access to an enriched curriculum and educational experience.
- How many of your schools offer all of the above?

It Really Does Take A Village

- More than $\frac{1}{2}$ of public school students live in poverty
- Kids in poverty have needs that directly impact their ability to learn and these needs extend far beyond the classroom walls
 - Community schools are on the rise
- Partners with schools contribute anything from academics, mentoring and enrichment programs to health, dental and social services
 - How do we assess a school's needs
 - How do we access the partnerships needed

Counselors Unique Perspective

A school counselor has her/his
finger on the pulse of the student
body

Begin by measuring student
engagement

- How is student attendance?
- What are students talking about in terms of what they wish school offered?
 - Are students connected to the school community?

Getting Teachers Engaged

Demands on classroom time are tight

Planning trips and/or events require time and effort

Teachers often call planning a trip or multiple trips a “logistical nightmare”

Partners want to help in any way possible. While a lot can happen after school, there is just as much that can happen during class time - thereby ensuring the highest possible outcome of student participation.

Find local partners that offer activities that coincide with a classroom curriculum.

For example, partnering with a history museum can connect with a particular social studies area

All schools are incorporating a college and career readiness component - partnering with local colleges and certain fields of interest can offer visits that will enlighten students of their offerings

After School and Weekend Activities

- Workplace mentoring
- Art classes at a museum
- Academic tutoring at local community based organizations
 - Test preparation
- College offerings to high school students
 - Community Service

Experiential Learning

- Students often tune out lectures if they don't feel it applies to the "real world"
- Experiential learning takes data and concepts and makes them real by applying them to hands-on tasks with real results
- Hands-on activities require practice, problem solving and decision making - as student engagement increases, learning accelerates and retention improves
- The personal nature of experiential learning engages the students' emotions, as well as enhancing their knowledge and skills
- Opportunity for creativity - students engage the creative portion of their brains and seek their own unique and most fulfilling solution to a hands-on task. This creativity, and the variety of results produced, enriches the classroom - and society - as a whole
- Mistakes Become Valuable - Experiential learning involves trial by error. As students engage in hands-on tasks, they find that some approaches work better than others. They discard the methods that don't work, but the act of trying something and then abandoning it - ordinarily considered a "mistake" - actually becomes a valuable part of the learning process. Thus, students learn not to fear mistakes, but to value them.
- Improved Attitudes toward Learning - The personal nature of experiential learning engages the students' emotions as well as enhancing their knowledge and skills. When students see the concrete fruits of their labor, they experience greater gratification and pride, thus enhancing their enthusiasm for continued learning.

Success!

