



Preparing for education partnerships

This checklist can help schools prepare for an education partnership by considering the processes and risks involved. School staff members may want to ask (or may be asked) the following questions before entering a partnership:

- Have you spoken to your staff/principal about the idea of entering into an education partnership?
- Have you discussed the types of partnerships you are considering with neighbouring schools, your local networks and School Council?
- How do school data and/or network or community data support the gap or need the education partnership will address?
- Have you discussed the benefits of an education partnership with your school community, including children, young people and their families?
- Would the partnership fit in to the school's strategic plan or annual implementation plan?
- Do you know of other schools or external organisations that have entered into similar education partnerships?
- What are your expectations of education partnerships? How will you ensure that they are met?
- What types of organisations do you want to partner with or avoid?
- What are the risks involved in entering into an education partnership?
- Does the school have the resources, leadership, and commitment to establish and sustain partnership activity?

