The Community Partnership Schools™ model is a community school model in which four core community partners — a school district, university or college, nonprofit, and health care provider — commit to a long-term partnership to establish, develop and sustain the Community Partnership School.

**How are Community Partnership Schools unique?**

**Four or More Partners.** Each core community partner is essential to the success of a Community Partnership School. The partners work together to secure resources to address student, family and community needs.

**Long-Term Commitment.** The partners make a commitment, often through a Memo of Understanding, to support their Community Partnership School for a minimum of 25 years.

**Shared Decision-Making.** A Community Partnership School is governed by a council of representatives from each of the partner organizations along with leadership from the school and community. The representatives collectively make decisions about securing funding, allocating resources, hiring staff and working with providers.

**Dedicated Staff Positions and Facilities.** A Community Partnership School’s core staff includes a director, after-school coordinator, health programs’ coordinator and parent coordinator. Other staff positions may be created as well. In addition, a Community Partnership School includes dedicated facilities for its staff and for a Parent Resource Center.

**Leveraged Resources.** Community Partnership Schools identify and coordinate local providers that can offer academic support programs, enrichment activities and wellness services at the school. Providers often relocate their resources to the Community Partnership School to support its mission.

**Certification Eligible.** Schools that implement the Community Partnership Schools™ standards and then operate successfully for a full year are eligible to apply for certification by the University of Central Florida. Schools that achieve UCF certification are well-positioned to secure future financial support.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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