



The Makings of a Great Partnership

A Partnership Quick-Assessment Tool

Put one of your school-community partnerships (or partnership tables) to the test with this short quiz!

Rate how much you agree with the statements below (strongly agree = 5 points and strongly disagree = 1 point). Add up your points in the end to see what your score suggests!

Statement	Strongly agree (5)	Somewhat agree (4)	Not sure (3)	Somewhat disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
There is a compelling need for this partnership. It's for the right cause, at the right time.					
We've talked a lot about our common goals and how we hope to work together.					
We have expressed a willingness to share ideas, resources, influence and power to achieve our common goal.					
We speak openly and honestly about what we think and how we feel.					
We have developed a constructive process to resolve differences and conflicts.					
We value each other's contributions to joint initiatives. We all do what we can to help achieve our goal.					
We openly share information with one another.					
We take the time to learn from each other professionally (e.g., sharing and adopting best practices).					
We have demonstrated an ability to follow through on the commitments we make to one another.					
We have developed formal and informal ways of assessing our progress.					
Given the outcomes, the time and energy we put into this partnership is well worth it.					
We all benefit from this partnership. It's a win-win scenario for everyone involved.					
I believe this partnership is having a real impact. We are moving the needle.					
Total					

(13-39) If you're just starting out, it's normal to have a lower score. If however you've been at this for a while, it may be time to reconsider if this partnership is worth the work – for both your sakes! What are some of the pros and cons of continuing to work together?

(40-56) Sounds like you've developed a promising partnership, but it will need more attention if you want it to be really successful. What could you do to enhance the quality of this partnership?

(57-65) You've developed an exceptional partnership! How can you build on your success? How will you sustain its momentum?

