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Create A New School As a Partner-Managed Campus

What Is a Partner-Managed New School and How Does It Work?



A district selects a partner organization to create and manage a new school designed to fill a need in the community. The school must have a clear mission and goals, an Effective Schools Framework-aligned model including high quality instructional materials, and new leadership and staff who are empowered to achieve success for students. The partner is accountable to the district for improving student outcomes.

Why Create a Partner-Managed New School?

- Introduce new options to meet the needs of specific student groups, leveraging the expertise of a partner with a track record of success
- Offer a more diverse set of schools and programs to meet community demand
- Expand your district's capacity to serve a growing student population
- Create more space for students currently enrolled in underperforming schools

What are the Benefits of a Partner-Managed New School?



Create a new option to offer students innovative new school models or programs.



Use outside expertise to deliver the academic models your families are demanding.



Access additional resources and funding to support partner-managed new schools.



New schools have an **evidence-based track record of success** in improving outcomes.



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How to Plan and Implement this Action Type

1) Identify the Need

- ❑ Engage with families and students to understand their needs
- ❑ Research potential partner organizations who can meet these needs
- ❑ **Ensure district authorizing policy meets standards for 1882 partnership benefits**
- ❑ Create a communications and engagement plan

2) Choose a Partner

- ❑ **Release a Call for Quality Schools (CQS)**
- ❑ Evaluate applications against transparent standards
- ❑ Select and authorize a qualified partner that best meets the needs of your community

3) Create a Plan

- ❑ Create an operating agreement to hold partners accountable and ensure their model is ESF-aligned with high-quality instructional materials
- ❑ Conduct financial analysis and develop a campus budget
- ❑ **Gain board approval for the partnership**

4) Launch School

- ❑ **Partner organization hires school leader and the school leader hires staff**
- ❑ School leader and staff begin student recruitment
- ❑ If applicable, apply for School Action Fund Continuation Funding
- ❑ New school opens! The school can grow one grade at a time or may open with all grade levels in a new facility

School Actions in Practice: Midland ISD

After getting feedback from the community and assessing student needs, Midland ISD partnered with the Young Women's Leadership Preparatory Network to create a the **Young Women's Leadership Academy** in 2019, a partner-managed new school focused on STEM learning for girls.

