

Milestone: The district and local schools collaborate with county agencies and parent, student, civic, business, and community organizations to support student success.

DATA ★ POINT

District and Local School Partnership Data

Partnerships link programs and activities to student learning and play a vital role in the school improvement plan. Our partnerships increase the connection within a community; create support, trust, and respect; and increase the quality of teaching and learning in the schools. The collaborative approach can be unique to the school's community and may change over time as the community grows and evolves. Partnerships provide opportunities for involvement in community schools and for businesses to support public education. School partners find that these relationships create access to a broader spectrum of caring community members.

Successful partnerships rely on consistent communication between schools and their partners. Additionally, there must be adequate resources and support from top-level leadership, opportunities for volunteers to work directly with students, committed and dedicated people, a shared vision with identified goals, recognition to volunteers and school staff, and regular evaluations of the partnerships.

Over the past four years, schools reporting business or community partnerships increased by 10 percentage points (Table JJ-1). Additionally, the number of partnerships reported in all schools increased nearly fivefold, from 181 in 2007 to 850 in 2010.

Table JJ-1

MCPS Partnership Data				
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Percentage of schools reporting business or community partnerships	80	97	87	90
Number of partnerships reported in schools	181	629	808	850