



Community Partnership Schools™ Model

The UCF Center for Community Schools partnered to establish the Community Partnership Schools™ model, which involves the forming of a long-term partnership among a coordinating nonprofit organization, school, university or college, and a healthcare provider.

This comprehensive community school model emphasizes leveraging the combined social and institutional capital of the partners to offer programs and services to address needs identified by the school and community.

Standards and Certification

The UCF Center for Community Schools led the development of Community Partnership School™ Standards to ensure the same high-quality practices are implemented at every Community Partnership School.

The center conducts a rigorous, strengths-based certification process every five years to ensure the standards are met and to recommend areas for growth. Schools that meet the standards earn the title of UCF-Certified Community Partnership School.

Our Mission

The UCF Center for Community Schools serves as a comprehensive resource by providing technical assistance, university-assisted partnership, training and development, and assessment and evaluation for the development of high-quality community schools.

Our Vision

We see a world where students realize their greatest potential.

The UCF Center for Community Schools is internationally recognized as a premier resource for community school advancement. By sharing our expertise in community school development and sustaining partnerships, we empower schools and communities to build environments for students to realize their greatest potential.



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UCF CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Community schools focus on improving student well-being and success by engaging and supporting parents and communities.

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About Us

The UCF CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

assists school districts and communities interested in establishing, sustaining and improving community schools. Services are available from the earliest stages of planning to implementation and maturation.

The center opened in 2014 and is housed in the College of Community Innovation and Education.



The UCF Center for Community Schools was named the first International Hub for Community Schools by the International Center of Excellence for Community Schools.

SERVICES

Technical Assistance

PRESENTATIONS

Topics include Community Schools 101, Typology and Approaches, and Community Partnership Schools

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION FACILITATION

Topics include Community School VMC (vision, mission and core principles), partner roles and responsibilities, short- and long-term goals and objectives, needs assessments, and certification preparation

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL CONSULTATION AND COACHING

Includes episodic and ongoing coaching and consultation to individuals and small groups in-person or by phone, email or Skype

SITE VISITS

May include organized visits from national and international guests to the center, university and Community Partnership School sites

RESOURCES

Include community school manuals, 'how-to' guides, project development worksheets, training modules, evidence-based community school practices, and budgeting and sustainability



University-Assisted Partnership

The center links UCF resources to corresponding needs at Community Partnership Schools in Central Florida, supporting student and teacher success.

Training and Development

The center offers training modules and presentations.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Community school pillars (e.g., collaborative leadership, expanded learning opportunities, family and community engagement, and wellness supports)
- School-community partnerships
- Organizational structure and governance

The center also offers full- or half-day retreats for leadership teams.

Assessment and Evaluation

Strengths and growth opportunities are assessed via on-site observations and interviews with stakeholders and detailed in a comprehensive report.