

# Community Schools Playbook

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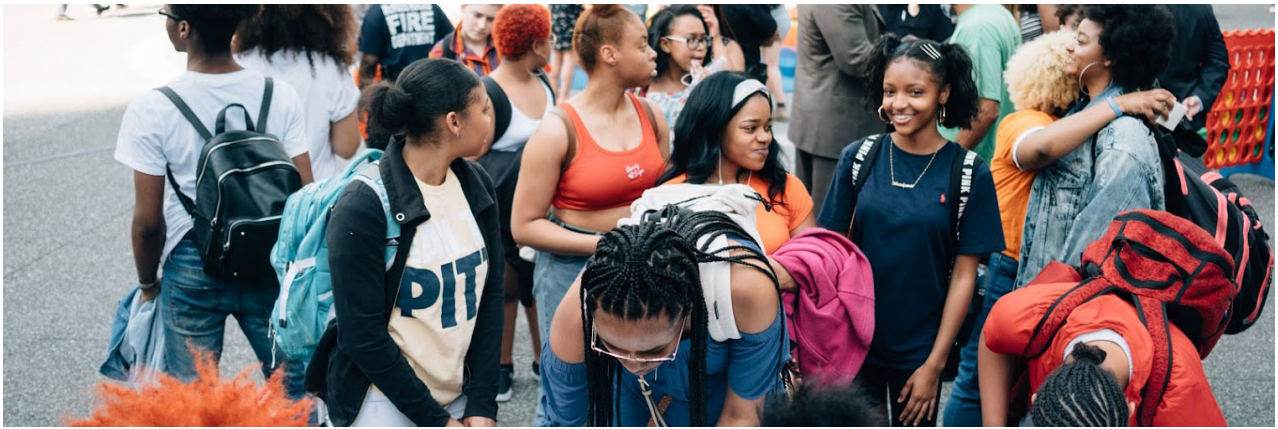
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## Section One: The Fundamentals of Community Schools



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## **An Introduction to Community Schools**

Learn about the definition of Community Schools, why they work, and what it takes to implement them.

[Read the introduction](#)



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## **Policies that Advance Community Schools**

Understand the policy mechanisms and principles that underpin Community Schools and see how they are being implemented in states.

[Learn about the policies](#)

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## **Section Two: Four Pillars of Community Schools**

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### **Integrated Student Supports**

A dedicated staff member coordinates support programs to address out-of-school learning barriers for students and families. Mental and physical health services support student success.

[Learn about the first pillar](#)

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### **Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities**

Enrichment activities emphasize real-world learning and community problem solving. After-school, weekend, and summer programs provide academic instruction and individualized support.

[Learn about the second pillar](#)

## **Active Family and Community Engagement**

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Schools function as neighborhood hubs. There are educational opportunities for adults, and family members can share their stories and serve as equal partners in promoting student success.

[Learn about the third pillar](#)

## **Collaborative Leadership and Practices**

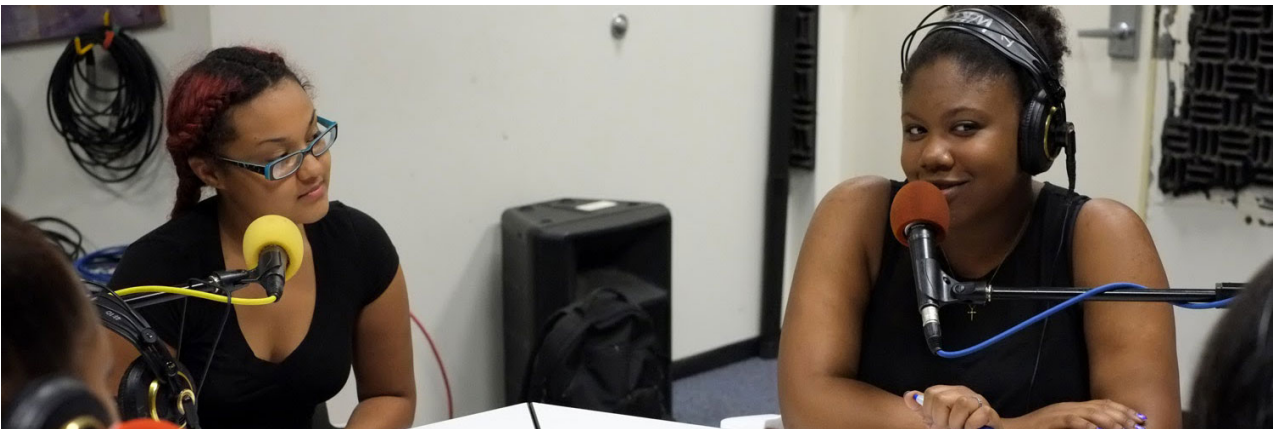
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Parents, students, teachers, principals, and community partners build a culture of professional learning, collective trust, and shared responsibility through site-based leadership teams and teacher learning communities.

[Learn about the fourth pillar](#)

## **Section Three: Resources You Can Use**

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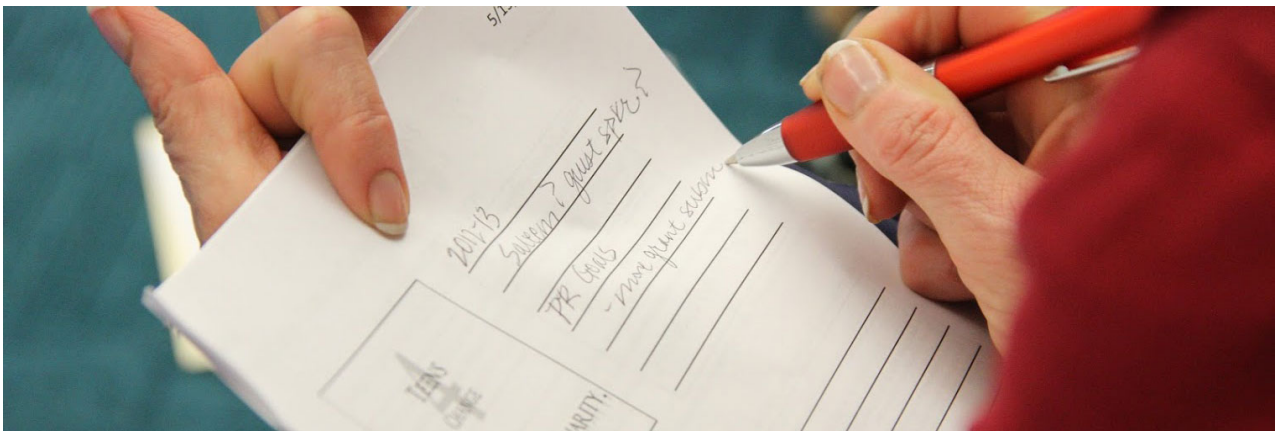
## **Messaging**

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Use this practical guidance, opinion research, and message points to be an effective communicator for community schools.

- [Talking Points](#)
- [Facts & Statistics](#)

[Answering Tough Questions](#)



## Model Legislation

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Use these sample bills and resolutions to enact community schools policies at state, city, county, and school board levels.

- [State Bill](#)
- [School Board](#)

[City or County Resolution](#)

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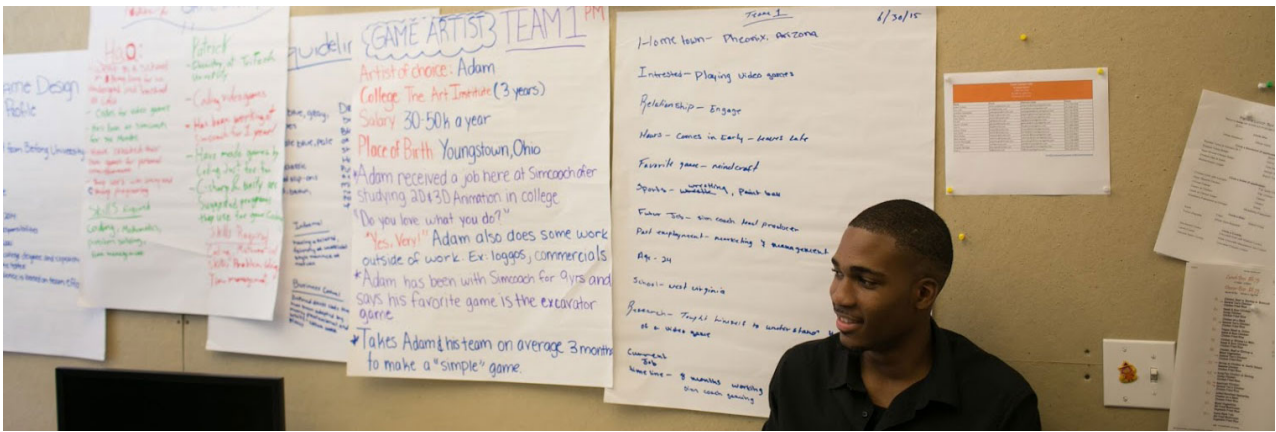


## Community Schools in ESSA State Plans

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From Maryland to New Mexico, Ohio to Hawaii, see how states are activating community schools through ESSA.

[Explore the state plans](#)



## Implementation Resources

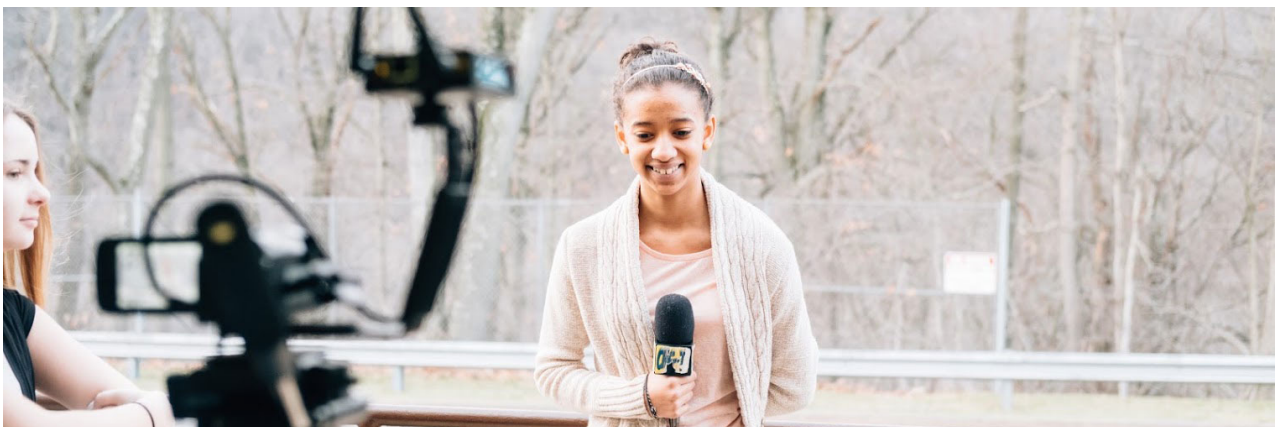
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A collection of guides, standards, strategies, and other tools for implementing Community Schools.

[Browse the resources](#)

## Media

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## Videos

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Use these videos, graphics, and memes to share the story of Community Schools with your network.

[Watch the Videos](#)



## Infographics

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