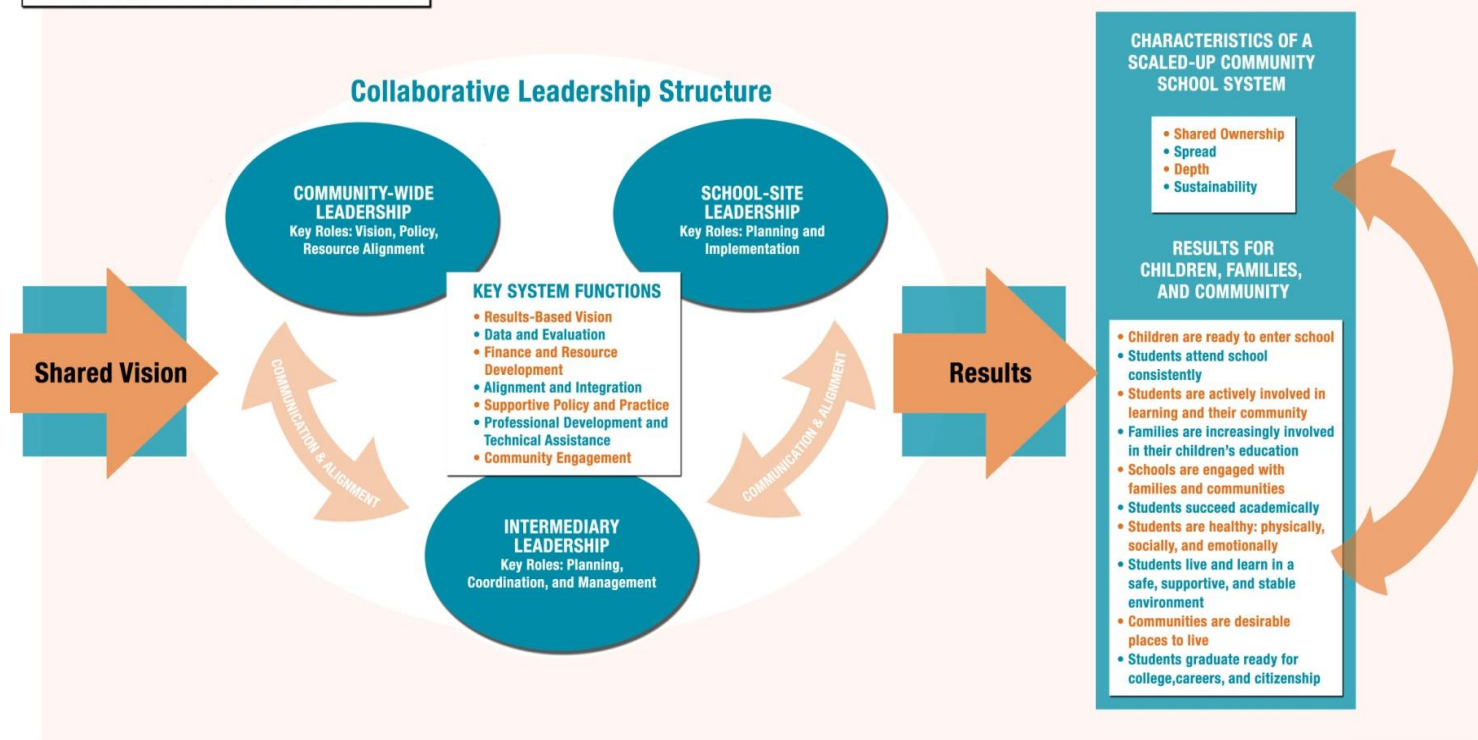


Coalition for Community Schools

The Coalition for Community Schools is an alliance of national, state and local organizations in education K-16, youth development, community planning and development, family support, health and human services, government and philanthropy as well as national, state and local community school networks. Our mission is to advance opportunities for the success of children, families and communities by promoting the development of more, and more effective, community schools. The Coalition for Community Schools believes that strong communities require strong schools and strong schools require strong communities. We envision a future in which schools are centers of thriving communities where everyone belongs, works together, and succeeds. The Coalition is staffed by the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC.

Nearly **65 system-wide community school initiatives** across the nation are associated with the Coalition and many others are starting to grow. From Cincinnati to Oakland, from Evansville, Indiana to Ogden, Utah, from Nashville to Tulsa, the community schools vision has deep roots.

Building a Scaled Up System



This graphic depicts the way in which leaders in community school initiatives organize themselves to scale-up and create positive outcomes for youth. This framework is applicable to other similar collaborative initiatives.

Or think about community schools this way:

Community schools are smart schools



Most people think of schools today as serving a single purpose: a binary - teachers teach and students learn but Community schools are more akin to smart phones.

Schools and communities connect, collaborate, and create. Children and families have an array of supports from community partners at their school. Communities and schools leverage their shared physical and human assets to help kids succeed.

Community schools contain a host of opportunities and supports built-in that give students and parents all the tools they need to learn and grow.

College and Career Ready



Health and Social Support



Expanded Learning Opportunities



Engaging Instruction



Early Childhood Development



Family Engagement



Family Engagement



Youth Development



Strategic Alignment



Just like smart phones, community schools have an infrastructure or operating system that strategically aligns 'apps' so they work in a synchronized manner. A **school-site leadership team**, often comprised of educators, parents, community partners, and others, is responsible for creating a shared vision for the school, identifying desired results and helping align and integrate the work of partners with the school. A

community school coordinator works hand-in-hand with a supportive principal, and is a member of the school leadership team. The coordinator is responsible for building relationships with school staff and community partners, for engaging the families and community residents, and coordinating an efficient delivery of supports to students both inside and outside the classroom. Data on academic AND non-academic factors drive the work for a community school.

Helpful Documents and Videos

Documents and Networks:

- Financing Community Schools
 - http://www.communityschools.org/resources/capacity_building_finance.aspx
- Building Blocks Early Childhood Case Studies
 - <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/REVISED%20BB%20DOC-1-7-13.pdf>
- Scaling Up School and Community Partnerships
 - http://www.communityschools.org/resources/systems_web_guide.aspx
- Early Childhood/CS Linkages Research Brief
 - <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/ECE%20Linkages%20Research%20Brief.pdf>

Videos:

- Funding Cincinnati's Top Rated Community School Initiative
 - <https://vimeo.com/57947798>
- School District Leadership in a Community School Initiative: Cincinnati's Community Learning Centers
 - <https://vimeo.com/57947797>
- Mind in the Making: Tulsa Area Community School Initiative
 - <https://vimeo.com/57406338>
- Kids Voice: Tulsa Area Community School Initiative
 - <https://vimeo.com/57406337>
- Addressing Early Chronic Absenteeism in Early Childhood Education
 - <https://vimeo.com/57406335>
- Tulsa Community Schools: The Collaborative Building Process
 - <https://vimeo.com/57406334>
- Cincinnati Community Learning Centers Study Tour
 - <https://vimeo.com/55401554>
- Community School Linkages: SUN Community Schools
 - <https://vimeo.com/57170091>
- Portland Community Schools Study Tour
 - <https://vimeo.com/55397346>
- Early Kindergarten Transitions in SUN Community Schools
 - <http://vimeo.com/58026199>