Community Schools 101

Course Syllabus

Course Description

The Community Schools strategy is gaining a lot of momentum as an effective way to support communities that have long been underserved. What is a Community School though? There is a saying within the Community Schools movement that, "If you've been to one community school, you've been to one community school." Each Community School should be different based on the unique needs of that community. That being said, there are certain foundational concepts to be explored such as what a community school is, the four pillars of a comprehensive community schools strategy, the needs assessment process, shared decision-making teams, government policy, and the stages of development . This course will help you understand the fundamentals to become a Community Schools Champion!

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the community schools strategy.
2. Identify and describe integrated student supports.
3. Identify and describe expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities.
4. Identify and describe active family and community engagement.
5. Identify and describe collaborative leadership and practices.
6. Describe the community schools needs assessment process.
7. Identify and describe the importance of shared decision-making teams and partnerships in community schools.
8. Identify and describe policies related to community schools, the community schools' stages of development, and successful community schools.

Modules

- Module 1: The Community Schools Strategy, Quiz 1
- Module 2: First Pillar of Community Schools- Integrated Student Supports, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Second Pillar of Community Schools- Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Third Pillar of Community Schools- Active Family and Community Engagement, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Fourth Pillar of Community Schools- Collaborative Leadership and Practices, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Needs Assessment, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Shared Decision Making Teams and Community School Partnerships, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Community Schools Policy, Funding, and Stages of Development, Quiz 8

Grading:

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (retakes allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course.