

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP

A partnership is an association between a grant applicant and educational stakeholder(s) in which the stakeholder agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Straight A Fund grant application. However, in a partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement with the Straight A Program Governing Board. Grant applicant partners are responsible only to the extent provided in their Partnership Agreement with the grant applicant.

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Straight A Fund throughout the state, applicants are encouraged to partner with education stakeholders. Each applicant must identify its partners and attach a description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities.

Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:

1. Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Straight A Fund grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Straight A Fund program.
2. Maintain familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
4. Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
5. Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.
6. Develop a clear project management plan to sustain the project over time.

Partnership Signatures

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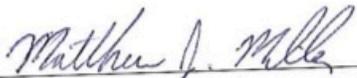
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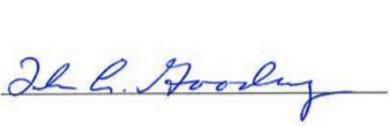
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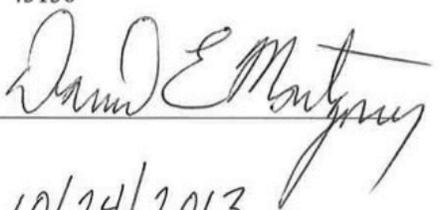
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Roles and Responsibilities of Consortium Partners / Ohio Blended Learning

In addition to meeting the requirements and assurances outlined by the Ohio Department of Education and the Straight A Fund around the project and use of grant funds, entities that are partners of the Ohio Blended Learning Consortium have the following roles and responsibilities:

Education Elements:

- Will provide professional development and technical assistance to member schools and districts during the grant period – on site, at convenings and on line.
- Will train trainers in each school and district and for each Education Service Center participating in the project as partners.
- Will work with the lead applicant and project manager to ensure compliance with the grant requirements and project outline.
- Will coordinate with Smarter Schools on outreach and advocacy activities, including civic outreach, learning exchanges, and storytelling.
- Will inform the work of the Ohio Blended Learning Network as appropriate in developing a framework for high-quality blended learning and in creating a credential for blended learning.

Smarter Schools:

- Will act as project manager and grants administrator, working with Mentor Public Schools, the lead applicant, to ensure project implementation follows the implementation plan and grants funds are dispersed according to grant guidelines, including overseeing grant site visits, monthly conference calls, and other activities as needed.
- Will implement and oversee civic outreach with consortium members to local stakeholders, preparing materials, arranging for meetings and presentations, and coordinating site visits for local stakeholders.
- Will implement and oversee learning exchanges with consortium members to nearby schools and districts, helping to prepare for meetings, recruiting nearby districts, and conducting follow up as necessary.
- Will implement and oversee storytelling in the classrooms of three consortium members as selected by Smarter Schools and agreed upon by the schools or districts, including hiring a writer, coordinating their assignment, editing written materials, and coordinating review of materials with members.
- Will create and develop the Ohio Blended Learning Network in coordination with consortium members, including communication, outreach and structure. As part of the network, assist in the development of a framework for high-quality blended learning in Ohio, the development of a blended learning credential for educators, and the creation of three training centers for blended learning.
- Will assist the University of Cincinnati Economics Center in the preparation of an evaluation report of the project.