

Partnering with the Regina Catholic School Division

What is a partnership?

Broadly defined, a partnership is an educational partnership is a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship between an organization and a school that is designed to enhance student learning. A partnership is not a sponsorship, a fund-raising initiative, or a method to solicit advertising, but a collaborative undertaking aimed at realizing common goals.

Although each partnership is unique, they typically involve the exchange of human, intellectual, or material resources between the school and the partnering organization and are always designed to support the curriculum and enhance the quality and relevance of learning.

A partnership has a clear sense of mission, and defined and obtainable goals that are linked to the school curricula and are carefully planned before the partnership begins.

Put simply, the Regina Catholic School Division is interested in partnerships because they help children succeed in school and, ultimately, in life. They allow students to make connections between what they learn in school and life in the outside world, encounter new ideas, gain positive role models, learn about themselves and what interests them, and create relationships that may lead to future employment.

Although partnerships are invaluable to students and schools, they are also beneficial to organizations. Through educational partnerships, organizations are given the opportunity to enhance their public image, to find potential future employees, and to share workplace expectations and organizational information with students.

The Regina Catholic School Division has always been interested in partnering with the community, and formally developed a division-wide partner-building initiative in April of 2012. Since then, many students and organizations have benefited from the unique opportunities by educational partnership relationships.

Why do we need formal partnership agreements?

A formal partnership is helpful to ensure the partnership is initiative, not person-based, and therefore can be sustained when parties change. It also helps validate the partnership and allows for the expectations of all parties involved to be properly managed.

With whom do we seek to partner?

The Regina Catholic School Division would like to partner with any organization dedicated to enhancing student learning and transforming their relationship with the division for the purpose of bettering education. Potential partners can include, but aren't limited to, community organizations and businesses, educators, the Church, families, local volunteers, and health and social service agencies.



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Our Commitment to Partnerships: A Message from the Regina Catholic School Division's Senior Administration

Improving student learning outcomes is one of the priorities for the Regina Catholic School Division. As members of the Senior Administration team, we always encourage our school administrators to look for innovative ways to provide more and better opportunities to our students that better prepared them for the future.

One way to do this is to seek out and establish partnerships with the local community. Partnership relationships ultimately improve student learning, build stronger families, shape healthier communities, and continue the development of Catholic values. They also create new opportunities for students to gain new skills and experiences, which may help them with their future education.



The benefit to students goes beyond the academic. New ideas open new avenues of thought in young minds which can be applied to all areas of a young person's life: at school, yes, but also at home, in sports, in arts, and in service to others.

There are also benefits for the partners. Businesses and organizations within partnerships will tutor, mentor and coach students, and share expertise, knowledge and skill. Partnerships also offer an opportunity to enhance your organization's public image by giving back to the community through a public gesture of support to the next generation.

As the Senior Administrators for the Regina Catholic School Division, we wholeheartedly encourage and promote the establishment of community partnerships with our schools.



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Our Commitment to Partnerships: A Message from the Regina Catholic Schools Division's Board of Trustees

As Board Trustees for the Regina Catholic School Division, we have set three priorities to which our students and staff strive. Improving student learning outcomes and creating student opportunities through community partnerships are two of these priorities.

Consequently, we support and encourage our schools to establish partnerships and relationships with the local community. Put simply, we feel these opportunities help students succeed in school and life.

Within a partnership, students gain experience, learn new ideas, and see new connections between curriculum and the world outside the classroom. They also make positive personal relationships and gain role models.

Schools gain additional resources and materials, as well as networking opportunities. Partnerships also give teachers a chance to incorporate new ideas learned through the partnership into curricular learning, something that greatly helps prepare students for future educational or workplace opportunities.

Partners gain an opportunity to mentor and coach students, share expertise and skills, and enhance their public image.

We, the Regina Catholic Board of Trustees, are firmly committed to improving learning outcomes. Because establishing community partnerships both works towards this goal and benefits our partners, we encourage our schools to establish partnerships and celebrate these relationships.

