



Guidelines for the Management of a Successful School Partnership Program in Alberta School Authorities

Recognizing that:

- school partnerships aim to encourage dialogue and build understanding between countries and/or cultures
- collaborative learning between students in Alberta and students from other countries enriches existing programs of study and promotes international cooperation
- as Alberta students and teachers learn about other places and cultures, they reflect more deeply upon their own country, culture and way of life.

It is recommended that Alberta school authorities:

- promote international school partnerships within their school authority
- assist interested Alberta schools in locating partner schools abroad and in accessing technology necessary to communicate with their partner
- encourage schools to develop partnerships that are mutually beneficial
- encourage schools to connect partnership projects and learning activities to the Alberta programs of study
- showcase international partnership projects so as to share best practices with other schools and school authorities
- encourage schools to submit their partnership information to Alberta Education so that it may be formally recognized by the Minister of Education.

These guidelines should be considered in the establishment of international school partnerships. Chapter 10: International School Partnerships provides more detailed information on program planning and implementation.

