

# OUR CORE PARTNERS

The Community Partnership School is made up of four or more core community partners — a school district, university or college, nonprofit, & health care provider — commit to a long-term partnership to establish, develop & sustain the Community Partnership School.

- 1. Central Florida Health Care**  
*(Health Care Provider)*
- 2. Heartland for Children**  
*(Nonprofit)*
- 3. Polk County Public Schools**  
*(School District)*
- 4. Southeastern University**  
*(University)*
- 5. United Way of Central Florida**  
*(Nonprofit)*



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A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL



Our VISION  
is to provide all  
students with a safe  
consistent learning  
environment where  
every student will  
SOAR.

# WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL?

Community Partnership Schools™ are schools that combine a rigorous academic program with a wide-range of in-school services, supports and opportunities to promote children's learning and development. It unites the most important influences in a child's life – school, families and communities – to create a network that supports their development toward productive adulthood. Although there is no single uniform model, the common vision is to create an integrated set of learning opportunities, physically and socially, and have multiple common goals that include school readiness; student academic success; physical, social and emotional health; and parent and community engagement (University of Central Florida, College of Health and Public Affairs).

Through partnerships with key resource providers, the Crystal Lake Elementary Community Partnership School serves as a hub for health care, social services, parent education, enrichment opportunities, and other supports to students, families and the community. This is unique and the very first Community Partnership School™ in Lakeland, Florida and in Polk County.



## 7 WAYS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS ARE UNIQUE



- 1. Four or More Partners** - Each core community partner is essential to their school's success. The partners work together to secure resources to address student, family & community needs.
- 2. Long-Term Commitment** - The partners make a commitment, often through a Memo of Understanding, to support their Community Partnership School for a minimum of 25 years.
- 3. Shared Decision Making** - We are governed by a council of representatives from each of the partner organizations along with leadership from the school & community. The representatives collectively make decisions about securing funding, allocating resources, hiring staff & working with providers.
- 4. Dedicated Staff** - Our core staff includes a director, after-school coordinator, health programs' coordinator, & parent community engagement coordinator.
- 5. Leveraged Resources** - We identify & coordinate local providers that can offer academic support programs, enrichment activities & wellness services at the school. In some cases, local providers relocate their resources to the school to support its mission. By blending & braiding funding from multiple sectors (health, education, human services), we create opportunities in the school & surrounding community to remove barriers to learning & success.
- 6. Organizational Structure** - In addition to the core partners & staff, we involve administrators, community members, students & other stakeholders.
- 7. Certification Eligible** - Schools that implement the Community Partnership Schools™ standards & then operate successfully for a full year are eligible to apply for certification by the University of Central Florida. Schools that achieve UCF certification are wellpositioned to secure future financial support.

## THE 4 PILLARS



## THE RESULTS

