

# APPENDIX A: PARENT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL

The following table outlines the most common partnerships that parents have developed in Manitoba.

	Support	Open Communication	Home and Community Learning	Volunteering and Advising	Building Partnerships	Formalized Councils
<b>Types of Activities/ Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing safe and caring home</li> <li>providing family-based learning</li> <li>meeting basic needs</li> <li>parenting education</li> <li>home-school communication</li> <li>consent for clinical services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussing student preferences with teacher</li> <li>discussing concerns with teacher</li> <li>reviewing school information</li> <li>attending school events</li> <li>attending parent-teacher conferences</li> <li>reading school newsletters</li> <li>welcoming home visits</li> <li>answering surveys</li> <li>reading community reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encouraging student learning</li> <li>creating workspace</li> <li>reading to student</li> <li>supporting homework completion</li> <li>participating in family literacy programs</li> <li>parent/family involvement in assignments</li> <li>monitoring learning contracts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>attending school events</li> <li>volunteering in classroom, field trips, etc.</li> <li>leading clubs</li> <li>tutoring</li> <li>coordinating newsletters</li> <li>advising on school policies (e.g., codes of conduct, schedules, course options)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>business partnerships and sponsorships</li> <li>youth community service/work experience</li> <li>early intervention programs</li> <li>shared facilities</li> <li>presenter at career days, information fairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>school team planning</li> <li>nominating and serving on partnership councils or committees</li> <li>shared management of decision making, planning, and reporting</li> </ul>
<b>Sample Structures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>self-help groups</li> <li>parenting networks</li> <li>after school daycare</li> <li>volunteer committees (fundraising, playground and lunch monitors, chaperones)</li> <li>volunteer services (classroom tutoring, library assistant)</li> <li>volunteer programs (leading school groups, teams, community service)</li> <li>School Committees</li> <li>Community Associations</li> <li>School Trustees Associations</li> <li>Parent Advisory Councils</li> <li>Home and School Associations</li> <li>Councils for School Leadership</li> </ul>					

For more information see: Epstein, J.L., M.G. Sanders, B.S. Simon, K.C. Salinas, N.R. Jansorn, and F.L. Van Voorhis. *School, Family, and Community Partnerships: Your Handbook for Action*. 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, 2002.