



WINTHROP UNIVERSITY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NETWORK OVERVIEW

NETWORK VISION

To sustain a dynamic university-school partnership network that promotes simultaneous renewal through collaborative learning communities focused on student learning and educator preparation.

NETWORK GOALS

1. Improve P-12 student learning.
2. Improve professional learning for district and university faculty and teacher candidates.
3. Strengthen pre-service teacher education.
4. Increase support for new teachers and leaders.

PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Participation in a wide-ranging Professional Learning Community**
 - Currently 45 PDS/Partner Schools working together to identify and meet the needs of administrators, teachers, students
 - Professional development such as mentor trainings, literacy, management, assessment, inclusion, project-based learning, and more
 - Annual best practice conference to disseminate project results and gain opportunities to improve student learning

PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Emphasis on research and inquiry**
 - Need for innovative teaching and learning opportunities
 - Faculty support to assess impact of specific strategies and/or new innovations
 - Opportunities to disseminate information to a wide audience (local, state, and national)

PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Influence teacher preparation programming**
 - Revision, implementation, and evaluation of core curriculum
 - Focus on field-based experiences
 - Content current to school initiatives/needs
 - [Strategies and tools](#) for candidates, teachers, faculty, and administrators
 - Co-teaching as model for early field and year-long internship (candidates serving as “junior faculty”)

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP LEVELS

- **Professional Development School**

- Engages in unique and intense school-university collaboration
- Supports action research and inquiry projects
- Hosts professional learning opportunities for Network schools
- Has at least 2/3 majority of the school's teachers committed to a three-year partnership
- Receives a significant university presence from Winthrop Faculty in Residence
- Hosts multiple field and internship experiences

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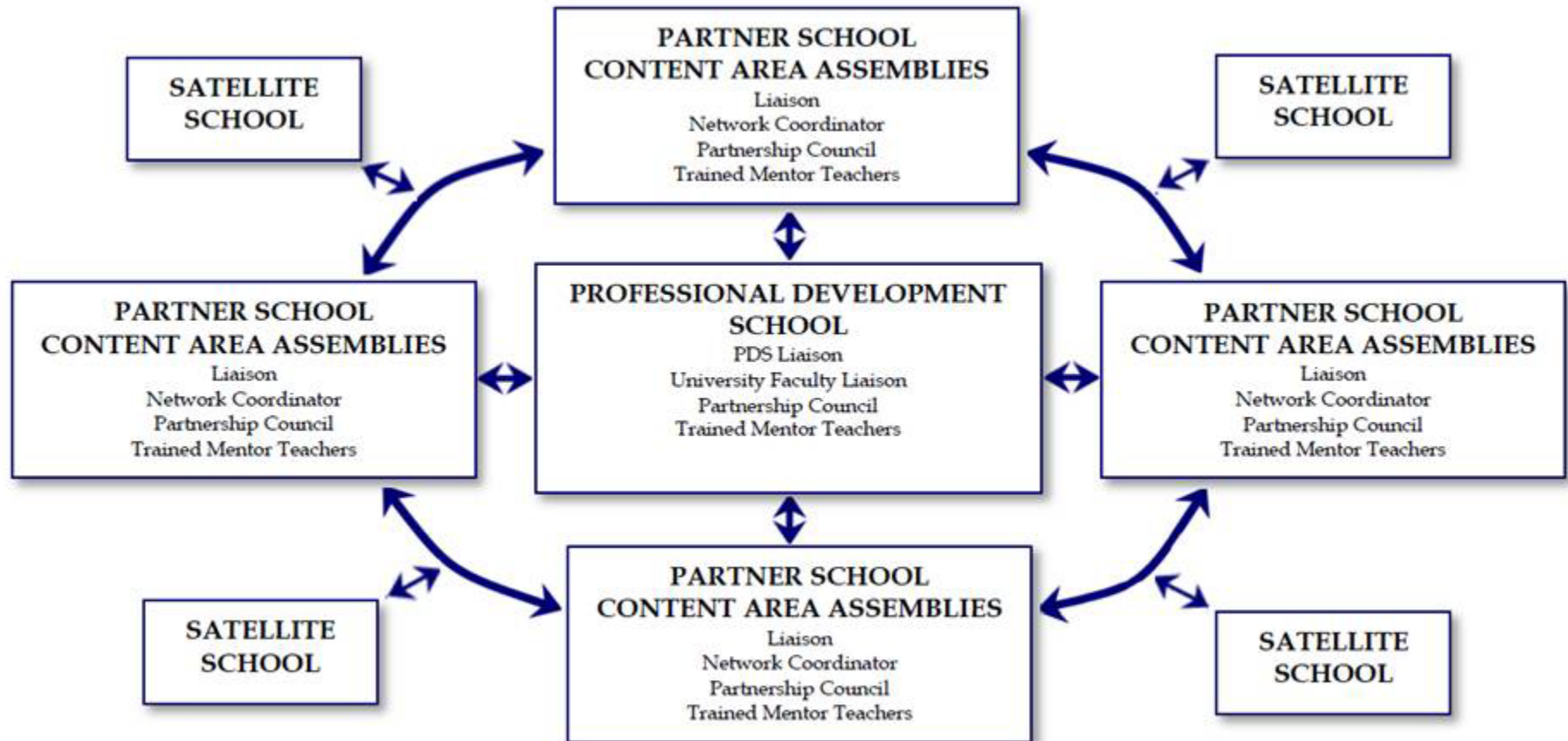
- **Partner School**

- Engages in school-university collaboration through professional learning and research projects
- Has at least half of the school's teachers committed to a three-year partnership
- Receives support from Partnership Network Coordinator
- Hosts multiple field and internship experiences

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP LEVELS

- **Content Area Assemblies**
 - Faculty within a high school department or faculty representing a P-12 certification area
 - Engage in collaboration designed to prepare future educators, provide current educators with ongoing professional development, encourage joint school-university faculty investigations into education-related issues, and promote the learning of P-12 students

NETWORK STRUCTURES



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Partnership Network Advisory Council

Task: Charged with providing oversight and coordination of Partnership Network initiatives.

Members: District Liaisons, School Liaisons, Winthrop Faculty in Residence (WFIR), Winthrop faculty/staff

Site-Based Support

Winthrop Faculty-in-Residence (WFIR): Assigned to Professional Development School for part of “load” to support goal implementation

School Liaison: School-based leader; receives a stipend to facilitate communication and collaboration within the Network

SCHOOL COMMITMENTS:

- Participate at appropriate levels to accomplish the four Partnership goals
- Identify a school leader to serve as the PDS/PS liaison
- Encourage and recruit mentor and host teachers
- Provide resources to support work of the PDS/PS liaison and the university faculty/staff.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Notification in winter regarding Partnership openings; access the application at http://www2.winthrop.edu/rex/rex/network_join.html
- Use application materials and selection rubric to engage in conversation as a faculty
 - Requires “buy in” from administration and faculty
 - Carefully consider benefits and commitments
- Complete application materials as directed
- Submit application online with supporting documents sent to Partnership Network office

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