Well-designed school-community partnerships are associated with increased student self-confidence and achievement generally and in math specifically.\(^1\)

School-community partnerships can:\(^2,3,4\)

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### Strategies for Community Partnership

#### Community assets & representation
- Assess and leverage the expertise of the community.\(^5\)
- Identify partners who reflect the diversity of the community.

#### Goal setting & vision
- Establish shared vision, mission, and goals.\(^6\)
- Collaborate on a mutually beneficial plan.\(^7\)
- Build ownership by regularly discussing progress and revising the plan as needed.

#### Coordination & communication
- Establish school and community partner roles and responsibilities.
- Document formal agreements to ensure common understanding, transparency, and sustainability.
- Create channels for ongoing communication to build and maintain strong relationships.\(^8\)

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**A great way to engage community partners in promoting math learning is by partnering to host a Community Math Night. Learn more in REL Appalachia’s Community Math Night Facilitators’ Toolkit.**

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