***Overview:*** *The purpose of partnerships among independent, private and public schools, as well as non-profit organizations serving the public good, is to enrich the journey toward fulfilling each institution’s mission and vision.*

*Hallmarks of healthy and transformative public-private partnerships include high levels of trust, commitment, and respect that drive synergistic teamwork, collaboration, and innovation in the education of children.*

***Principles of Good Practice:***

1. *The fulfillment of an authentic community need or opportunity in which all partners both contribute to and benefit from shared learning experiences.*
2. *Common goals and expectations for the partnership that are clearly articulated, preferably in writing, and communicated.*
3. *Trusting relationships that are intentionally forged, with an awareness of each partner’s historical role within the larger community.*
4. *Team-based and shared leadership that fosters the sustainability of collaborations;*
5. *Community-wide awareness and sponsorship of partnership activities, along with necessary resources and engaged leadership to enable effective, sustainable public-private collaborations.*
6. *Transparent and regular communication among partnership organizations; and*
7. *A common framework for partners to assess the outcomes and activities relating to the partnership.*