Two states, five school districts, and six schools received the first annual Partnership Awards from the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University. The awards recognize excellence in developing and sustaining comprehensive programs of school, family, and community partnerships for at least two years.

Key contacts from sites in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, and Utah submitted applications that documented how they implemented essential elements of good partnership programs. They described and gave evidence for teamwork, leadership, plans for action, implementation, evaluation, and connections with the National Network of Partnership Schools. Applications were reviewed by six readers for the comprehensiveness of responses and strength of evidence.


Dr. Mavis Sanders, Assistant Director noted, “The Partnership Award schools, districts, and states demonstrate that structures and processes can be developed to ensure that school, family, and community partnerships are planned, ongoing, and productively linked to school improvement goals.”

Summaries of approaches and activities of the Partnership Award recipients, as well as the award criteria, are on the Network’s web site, [www.partnershipschools.org](http://www.partnershipschools.org). Click on “In the Spotlight” and “National Network Announces Partnership Awards.” (Or, click to go directly to the list of Partnership Award recipients.)

NNPS congratulates the Partnership Award recipients for 1999-2000. The criteria for the awards set standards that all schools, districts, and states in the Network are expected to achieve. Applications for the 2001 awards will be issued in January.