

# Collaborating with the Englewood Chamber of Commerce Englewood Schools Englewood, CO



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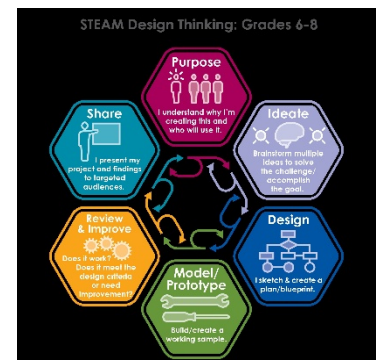
Englewood Schools has a strong and collaborative partnership with their local chamber of commerce. The District Family, School, and Community Partnership Liaison (FSCP) serves on the board of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. This position holds multiple purposes. It allows a representative from the school district to give updates about the district while also looking for opportunities to collaborate with local community and business owners. In addition to participating in the monthly board meetings, the district also hosts Englewood Chamber of Commerce Coffee Networking Breakfasts at various Englewood schools. These events allow local business owners the chance to see all the amazing programming happening in the district while linking resources and support from the community to the schools. The Englewood Chamber of Commerce has been a continued source in creating lasting partnerships between Englewood Schools and the community.



While the District FSCP Liaison serves on the chamber of commerce board, she collaborates with district and school-based administrators to gather the details that they would like passed along to chamber business members. The liaison also works with these same administrators to present and share the big opportunities and outstanding programming that are available to Englewood students in this small, caring district. The Englewood Chamber of Commerce has toured and visited many of the Career and Technical Education programs at the high school level such as Cosmetology, SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Green Energy), and Broadcast Journalism classes. In addition, they have also had the opportunity to see STEAM programming in action by playing alongside students programming Spheros and observing the Trout in Classroom program. Having the Englewood Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast events allows the district to invite community members into the buildings to see what makes the amazing schools so unique.



Each month at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce board meetings there is time set aside for the District Family, School, and Community Liaison to give an update about the school district to board members. Updates can include upcoming events, resources needed for the schools, as well as possible collaboration ideas. By participating in the chamber board meetings as well as hosting chamber of commerce events in schools, the district has been able to increase partnerships between the schools, local business owners, and the community. This partnership has created a culture that shows strong schools foster a strong community.



Standard 6 — Collaborating with the Community  
Essential Element 4 — Dedicate Necessary Resources



The school-hosted chamber events are measured in a quantitative manner by following the attendance rates. The collaboration with the Englewood Chamber of Commerce is mainly measured qualitatively by the connections made. Some challenges that have arose when collaborating with the local chamber and schools is making sure connections are made with the right people with the right resources and opportunities. Another challenge is making sure that there is follow-through on the school side once a connection is made.

Some advice the district would give when trying to collaborate with their local chamber of commerce is to be involved. Go to community events, create partnerships, and learn ways in which it would make sense for schools and businesses to be involved.