Policy Statement:
Any request for a partnership with AASL requires approval from the AASL Board of Director and a written agreement defining the terms of the partnership. Collaborative agreements are approved by the AASL Executive Director and reported to the AASL Board of Directors.

Focus:
AASL Board of Directors, AASL Headquarters, AASL Committees, AASL Volunteers

Definitions:
Partner: an organization, group, or other body that enters into a formal agreement in which the advancement of mutual interests exists. Examples of partnerships include:
- Vendor partner:
  - Corporate sponsors- a formal agreement and exchange of funds that advance AASL’s strategic initiatives and the vendor’s marketing efforts
- Organization partner
  - P21- AASL paid dues to the organization and were offered various benefits as a member with the mutual advancement of K-12 education issues.
  - Carnegie Science Center- AASL worked to advance their STEM CanTEEN project in return for payment.
Collaborator: organization(s), group(s), or other body with whom AASL work to accomplish a shared task or achieve a shared goal. Examples of collaborations include:
- Connected Educator Month- There is no formal agreement but AASL promotes their event and are therefore listed as a supporter.
- NCLE (National Center for Literacy Education)- There is no formal agreement but AASL works collaboratively on many projects.
- ASCD Whole Child- There is no formal agreement but AASL is a “Whole Child Partner” and does participate in meetings, is offered opportunities to sign on to various letters/initiatives, as well as submit material for their blog and website.
*Note: many collaborative agreements result in AASL being listed as a partner by the other organization.

Purpose:
To ensure that partnerships or collaborations are in line with AASL’s Strategic Plan and operational priorities.

Procedure:
Any request for a partnership will be submitted to the AASL Board of Directors for consideration and should include:
- Name of organization, group, or body making request
- Specifics of request outlining the defined roles and requirements for both the partner and AASL
- Identification of advantages and potential liability/risks
- Connection to current AASL Strategic Plan and operational goals
- Budget implications
- Timeline

The AASL Board of Directors will consider partnership based on the following criteria:
- Consistency with AASL mission, strategic plan, and/or operational goals
- Conformity to AASL/ALA Policies
- Benefit to AASL by furthering the objectives of the organization and by providing opportunities, resources, and/or services for members
- Clear statement of the responsibilities and expectations