

## **Policy No: A-17**

### **Subject: AASL Partnerships & Collaborations**

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#### **Policy Statement:**

American Association of School Librarians (AASL) forms partnerships and collaborations that align with the AASL Strategic Plan and operational priorities.

#### **Focus:**

AASL Board of Directors, AASL Headquarters, AASL Members

#### **Purpose:**

To provide guidelines to formal partnerships and collaborations with various entities.

#### **Supportive Documentation:**

Definitions:

- Partner: an organization, group, or other body that enters into a formal agreement in which the advancement of mutual interests exists. The agreement must advance AASL's strategic initiatives and core values. Examples of partnerships include:
  - Vendor partner
  - Organization partner
- Collaborator: an organization, group, or other body with whom AASL works to accomplish a shared task or achieve a shared goal. The agreement must advance AASL's strategic initiatives and core values.
  - Collaborative agreements may result in AASL being listed as a partner by the other organization

#### **Procedure:**

1. Partnerships
  - a. Any request for partnership is initiated through the AASL Executive Director. The requests are evaluated based upon:
    - i. Aligns with AASL mission, strategic plan, and/or operational goals



- ii. Conforms to AASL/ALA Policies (e.g. A-4 AASL Endorsements)
    - iii. Benefits AASL by furthering the objectives of the organization and by providing opportunities, resources, and/or services for members
    - iv. Considers the responsibilities and expectations of AASL and the partner
  - b. AASL Executive Director submits the partnership request to the AASL Board of Directors for consideration and includes:
    - i. Name of organization, group, or body making request
    - ii. Specifics of request outlining the defined roles and requirements for both the partner and AASL
    - iii. Identification of advantages and potential liability/risks
    - iv. Connection to current AASL Strategic Plan and operational goals
    - v. Budget implications
    - vi. Timeline
  - c. The AASL Board of Directors will vote on the partnership request.
2. Collaborators
  - a. Any request for collaboration is initiated through the AASL Executive Director. The requests are evaluated based upon:
    - i. Aligns with AASL mission, strategic plan, and/or operational goals
    - ii. Conforms to AASL/ALA Policies
    - iii. Benefits AASL by furthering the objectives of the organization and by providing opportunities, resources, and/or services for members
    - iv. Considers the responsibilities and expectations of AASL and the collaborator
  - b. AASL Executive Director informs the AASL Board of Directors of the potential collaboration and provides updates on the project.