

POLICY

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
(Okanagan Similkameen)**

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

**Reference: G-1
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The Board of Education supports school/business/community partnerships which are collaborative and benefit both students and the partners. The Board will make every effort to ensure equity of partnership opportunities across the district.

A partnership enables a business to make direct and/or on-going contact with one or more of the schools in the district. It matches the needs of the school and its community and the resources of the business in a complementary way while recognizing and respecting each partner's expertise.

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1. Partnerships between a school and an organization may take several forms. It is expected that the majority of these partnerships will take the form of a written contract between two parties. The Board supports education/business partnerships that:
 - a) Are consistent with the district's mission statement, priorities, and existing policy, and serve an identifiable educational/curricular need.
 - b) Do not provide financial gain to a district employee or direct or indirect benefit to employees' families.
 - c) Do not exploit students in any sexual, racial, or religious way, and do not pressure students, parents, or school community to support any commercial enterprise (i.e. participation is voluntary).
 - d) Ensure sponsor recognition and corporate logos are strictly for the purposes of identification and are kept to a minimum.
 - e) Are for a specific term agreed to by both parties and are subject to periodic review.
2. The school principal or designate is responsible for approving and monitoring the partnership. S/he is also responsible for providing written particulars of the partnership to the Superintendent of Schools, and the Board, when requested.
3. Partnerships involving \$5,000.00 or more must be referred directly to the Board of Education for consideration.