



Accelerating Student Pathways Through an Early College Partnership Henry Ford Early College Video Reflection Guide

This video shares how Henry Ford Early College provides students with the opportunity to explore health care careers and earn college credits while still in high school. For educators interested in applying lessons learned from the video to their district or school context, this accompanying reflection guide offers questions to consider after watching the video, as well as some additional resources.

Elements of Effective Partnerships

“The partnership works well for us because the, we have three partners, and everyone is invested in the student learning outcomes. So that’s the primary goal of the partnerships, and no one loses sight of that when they come to the table.” Marva Brooks, Ph.D., R.N., Early College Program Coordinator, Henry Ford Health

The school, district, college, and health care provider work in concert to make this unique learning opportunity possible. Even schools that are not early colleges may benefit from considering how to make the most of community partnerships.

- In your experience, what are the elements of successful school, district, and community partnerships?
- What standards or elements do you look for in determining if a potential partnership is the right fit for your school or district?
- What student needs in your school or district might community partners help you meet?

Supporting Educators

“Ten years ago, we were very small, and we had challenges and so I realized, the first thing I wanted to do is allow my teachers to do what they’re best at, which was teach the students. So, I think, my first order of business was to remove all the barriers, that were preventing my teachers from doing the best they are. And they delivered.” Majed Fadlallah, Principal

- If you are a school or district leader, how do you continuously identify and address barriers that may be preventing educators from focusing on their instructional practices?
- As an educator, what supports have you found to be most effective from your school or district leadership in helping you focus on and improve your instructional practices?

Additional Resources

[Henry Ford Early College](#): Read Henry Ford Early College’s National Blue Ribbon Schools program application to learn more about how they approach instruction and support for students in all areas.

National Blue Ribbon Schools: [College and Career Readiness](#) & [Partnership Practices](#) - Learn more about effective practices related to college and career readiness from other National Blue Ribbon schools.