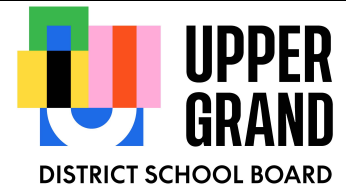


FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS



What are facility partnerships?

School boards are encouraged to work with community partners in order to share facilities to the benefit of boards, students and the community, and to optimize the use of public assets.

The primary responsibility of school boards is to support the achievement and safety of students. Boards have the authority to make decisions regarding their school facilities and the use of their facilities. Within that context, facility partnerships can:

- Improve services and supports available to students;
- Reduce facility operating costs for school boards and government;
- Strengthen relationships between school boards, community partners and the public;
- Maximize the use of public infrastructure through increased flexibility and utilization; and
- Provide a foundation for improved service delivery for communities.

Facility partnerships opportunities in operating schools may include:

- participation in a facility partnership where there is unused space in an existing school
- the opportunity to co-build when considering building a new school or undertaking a significant addition or renovation

What organizations qualify for facility partnerships?

Before entering into a facility partnership, there is a need to determine the expectations for the partnering organization and whether it aligns with the UGDSB's strategic directions.

Organizations that provide competing education services such as tutoring services, JK-12 private schools, private colleges, and credit offering entities that are not government funded, are not eligible partners.

Does a facility partnership mean that organizations can use board facilities at no cost?

Facility partnerships operate on a cost-recovery basis. The fees charged to partners are expected to cover the operations and capital costs, including administrative costs for the space occupied by the partner. Additional costs to undertake minor renovations to protect student safety, provide appropriate washrooms, and otherwise make the space suitable for use by facility partners will be at the expense of the partner.