



*Engaging in conversations with the community is crucial for assessing their needs, building trust, fostering collaboration, and ensuring informed and inclusive decision-making. This list is not exhaustive but serves as a guide to consider how your charter will work with the community.*

1. What educational needs or gaps exist in our community that a new charter school could address?
2. How can the charter school align its mission and values with those of the community?
3. What specific programs or curricula would be most beneficial for our students and community?
4. How can the charter school incorporate community culture and history into its educational model?
5. What partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and institutions can the charter school establish to enhance educational opportunities?
6. What are the key concerns or reservations that community members have about a new charter school, and how can these be addressed?
7. What communication strategies will be most effective in keeping the community informed and engaged with the charter school's progress?
8. How can the charter school collaborate with existing schools and educational institutions in the area?
9. What strategies can be used to ensure the charter school is accessible to all students, including those with special needs or from disadvantaged backgrounds?
10. What community events or forums can be organized to discuss the charter school and gather input from residents?

For more information on planning community engagement, you can access the Community Engagement Toolkit. This resource, provided for schools, ensures continued community engagement by offering templates and guidance to support the planning, implementation, and sharing of results from these efforts. The toolkit is designed to help schools maintain effective communication and foster collaboration with the community.

For more details, visit the [Community Engagement Toolkit](#).