

Chapter 15. The Role of Education in Community Development

QUIZ

Create a short answer (150-250 words) to each of the following questions.

1. How do social interactions among people in locales help define community?
2. How do schools help to shape the local boundaries of communities and the identity of community members?
3. Although schools and the communities they serve are closely entwined and community development is in the best interests of schools, why may school leaders be hesitant about involving schools and students in important community development roles?
4. Of all social institutions, why might schools be best placed to catalyze community development?
5. What are some likely results of school consolidation in a rural community or urban neighborhood?
6. Beyond the socially integrative functions, what distinct local economic roles might a school have in a rural community or urban neighborhood?

7. What characteristics of a well-planned school-community partnership project would indicate it is mutually beneficial?

8. How might a community or neighborhood development activity reinforce what is taught in the public school classroom?

9. What barriers might a community development organization expect to experience when seeking to partner with a public school or school district?

10. How can service learning and place-based education serve to facilitate a viable school-community partnership and accomplishment of local community or neighborhood development needs?