Partner School: Public schools in Partner Districts that have been designated by Partner District superintendents as schools in which a critical mass of educators agree to engage in activities which are designed by public school educators and university educators working together to achieve a common goal of simultaneously renewing the school and the preparation of educators. Partner schools work under the leadership of the school principal towards the actualization of four roles or functions:

- Providing an exemplary education to K-12 students,
- Engaging in inquiry and action research centered on the discovery, development, demonstration and dissemination of best practices in teaching and learning,
- Providing continual professional development for practicing educators,
- Offering excellent clinical settings for the preparation of educators.

Partner Teacher: Partner School teachers who agree to work with preservice teachers during their field experiences. Partner teachers provide quality clinical experiences for MU College of Education students in their sophomore, junior, or senior years. Some Partner teachers may work with students at all levels.