

Service Package for schools to run Open Schooling Activities*

5 Tips to WIN schools

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1 Start with relationships

Build on personal contacts and trusted networks - they work best for bringing schools on board and creating lasting partnerships.



2 Invest in teacher development



Offer training programs that prepare teachers for OSAs, address pedagogical needs, and provide professional growth opportunities.

3 Showcase success



Use local public science fairs* and lighthouse activities* to celebrate and validate OSA work- they inspire existing participants and demonstrate impact to potential partners.

4 Connect personally



Reach out to individual teachers directly- personalized communication addresses their specific concerns far better than generic materials.

5 Recognize achievements



Offer competitions and awards to celebrate OSA work-consider providing resources upfront to maximize their motivational impact

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Lighthouse Activities (LHAs) - interdisciplinary activities addressing real-life problems for community members, contributing to a lifelong learning continuum for all.



Science Fairs - events that encourage exchange between local project partners and communities while strengthening partnerships. Partners introduce their work, communities and partners showcase solutions to real-life problems, and schools present their open schooling activities.

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5 Tips to SUPPORT schools

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1 Provide Teachers' Training Programs



Develop training programs that enhance teachers' open schooling knowledge and technological skills for effective OSA implementation

2 Offer Resources and Support

Provide planning toolkits, activity libraries, educational materials, and specialized human resources that schools can use immediately.



3 Ensure Continuous Mentoring



Establish mentoring strategies, maintain multiple communication channels, and create clear protocols for troubleshooting and ongoing support

4 Establish Strategic Partnerships

Identify and engage strategic partners, develop collaboration protocols, and build connections across school networks and community organizations



5 Enable continuous improvement



Implement multi-level assessment, capture feedback systematically, and use quality indicators to learn and enhance your OSA program."



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