DEFINITION OF ENGAGEMENT

In the College of Education (COE) at Purdue University ENGAGEMENT is defined as collaborative work done by mutually committed partners (community and/or P-16 partners with college of education partners) in order to address issues of common interest. Engagement simultaneously serves the needs of COE partners and invigorates the research, teaching, and service missions of the College. Engagement activities have intellectual merit and broad impact.

Engagement has several characteristics that distinguish it from other, related activities. All COE engagement projects will have some of these characteristics; a few may have them all.

- Community*
  - Community and/or P-16 problems
  - Community and/or P-16 settings
  - Community and/or P-16 services
- Partnership
  - Mutual interests/concerns
  - Mutual investment
  - Mutual benefits
  - Synergy
- Scholarship
  - Application of faculty expertise
  - State of the art
  - Discovery and innovation
  - Documentation of impact
  - Dissemination of activities and results

*Note: Community is defined as persons and organizations external to the College of Education at the local, state, national, and international levels.