

Partners In Education Process

Duration of Commitment to a School

- A partnership begins when a business/organization is paired with a school.
- A partnership continues throughout the school year and may be renewed at the close of the school year.
- A partner may choose to assist additional schools.
- Partnerships are supported by Dallas Independent School District central staff.

Contact Person

- A business/organization contact person is identified to interact with the designated school.
- The contact person is responsible for developing and overseeing the business/organization's involvement after the partnership has been implemented.
- The school partnership coordinator monitors activities of the school-business partnership, interacts with the business/organization contact person, develops involvement ideas, and reports partnership activities.

Training and Assigning of Volunteers

- Dallas Independent School District central staff members will assist in recruiting volunteers.
- Volunteer training will be provided by district staff at a time and location convenient to the business or organization.
- The school partnership coordinator is responsible for assigning and matching volunteers to teachers or students according to student needs and the volunteer's preferences.

Partners In Education is a partnership of public, private and business groups, parents, and individuals who support the Dallas Independent School District.

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Partners and Volunteers

*Committed
to continued
progress
and
improvement*



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Quality Education Is Everybody's Business

A dynamic public school system is essential to the prosperity, cohesiveness and vitality of every community. The Dallas Independent School District Partners In Education program is a vehicle dedicated to promoting involvement and interaction among the Dallas community, parents and schools in an effort to prepare our youth for the challenges of the future.

Benefits of Partners In Education

To You and Your Organization:

- Recognition for your organization or business
- A rewarding and satisfying volunteer experience
- A sense of teamwork and mutual achievement
- An understanding of the needs of public schools
- An investment in tomorrow's leaders, work force and consumers
- Personal satisfaction that you are making a positive contribution to the community

To the Students:

- Improved academic achievement
- Increased motivation
- Improved attendance
- Enriched curriculum
- Increased career awareness
- Identification with successful role models

To the Teachers:

- Assistance in special areas
- Opportunities for professional development
- Access to technological advances and equipment
- Recognition for achievement

To the Community:

- A strong public school system
- A well-prepared work force
- An improved tax base
- Increased civic cooperation

Partners In Education Can Make a Difference

In becoming a school partner, you agree to meet some of a school's needs, tailoring the relationship with your school to fit your company/organization's resources in any or all of the following areas and ways:

- Volunteer activities
- Funding for programs/special events
- In-kind service
- Donation of materials and equipment
- Student motivation
- Teacher appreciation and assistance

Volunteer Activities:

- Spend one hour per week at a designated school (flexible scheduling available)
- Tutor students in reading, language arts, math, English-as-a-Second Language, or other subjects
- Provide support through one-on-one mentoring
- Assist with computer literacy
- Serve as a classroom or school-wide speaker
- Assist in the school library, cafeteria, etc.
- Judge contests and other competitions
- Serve on site based decision making committees
- Read to students/have students read to you

Funding Opportunities:

- Provide funds for specific needs or projects
- Reading Is FUNdamental
- Learning resource materials
- Computer software
- Books for school library
- Scholarships for special programs

In-Kind Service:

- Donate services usually performed for profit
- Construction and renovation projects (playgrounds, teacher's lounge, etc.)
- Beautification projects (lunchroom, courtyards, etc.)
- Printing of school brochures or newspaper
- Copying of instructional materials
- Meeting space/refreshments



Donation of Materials and Supplies:

- Donate new or used equipment or supplies, such as:
 - copy machines
 - computers
 - office furniture
 - school supplies
 - books and games

Student Motivation:

- Recognize and provide scholarships and awards for outstanding achievement or improvement
- Develop incentive programs for perfect attendance
- Sponsor field trips
- Provide career day speakers or resources
- Arrange tours of your business or organization
- Allow job-shadowing
- Develop internship and job placement opportunities
- Arrange for display of student work at your work site or in other public spaces
- Highlight school/student achievements in your publication(s)
- Give your local or community newspaper information about great students you encounter

Teacher Appreciation and Assistance:

- Recognize/support achievements and accomplishments of school faculty and administrators
- Sponsor professional development programs
- Share company's expertise through seminars and training programs
- Provide workshops for teachers/faculty
- Invite teachers and administrators to attend company-sponsored continuing education programs
- Provide incentives and appreciation events for teacher performance and attendance
- Highlight outstanding teacher activities in company publications or on your Web site