

Students Experience...

- Motivation to achieve
- Improved academic performance
- Enhanced self-image
- Expanded career awareness
- Enriched curriculum
- Identification with successful role models

The Community Gains...

- Stronger public school systems
- Improved quality of life
- Greater potential for local economic and job development
- Improved community cooperation

Partnerships...

- Foster a better understanding of the local school systems
- Strengthen and improve school programs and curricula
- Create a climate of involvement and interaction between businesses and schools

Start Making a Difference...Today!

Partners in Education positively affects the lives and futures of students, educators, businesses and the community!



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Working Together to Make a Difference

The Partners in Education Program, presented by the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, operates on the premise that quality education is everybody's responsibility.

Current programs have demonstrated that Partners in Education provides positive results. Partnerships benefit the community by supporting, developing and enhancing strong public school systems, which attract new business and industry. Over 450 businesses, organizations, nonprofit institutions, and state and federal agencies have formed successful partnerships with approximately 100 schools in the Little Rock, North Little Rock and Pulaski County Special School Districts.

Through the Partners in Education program, concerned citizens of the business community, educators and students are making an investment in the future of the Little Rock region.

How Partners May Help?

The valuable experience this program creates for our students, as well as the support and guidance our partners lend the schools, lay the foundation upon which future citizens can build their tomorrows.

School and business partners are limited only by their resources and the energy and imagination of the people involved.

Every business and organization, regardless of size, has something to offer. The only requirement is the willingness to help.

Help Through Volunteering

- Chaperone a field trip or dance
- Mentor students
- Be a classroom assistant
- Help the school PTA
- Serve as a judge or coach
- Help teach special subjects such as foreign languages, upper level math, science or computer science
- Share travel and life experiences
- Give students a business tour

Help Through In-kind/ Financial Services

- Prepare career education displays or teaching materials
- Award prizes and certificates for student performance
- Give perfect attendance rewards
- Recognize good behavior
- Donate equipment, supplies and furniture
- Build or improve a playground
- Assist with landscaping
- Renovate a teachers' lounge
- Provide transportation for special trips
- Award scholarships to summer camps or colleges
- Reward accomplishments of teachers
- Sponsor eye/ear/dental exams
- Display student achievements at your business
- Sponsor visits by performing artists

Help Through Unique Programs

- Become a mentor
- Display student artwork
- Provide internships
- Offer expertise by holding mock job interviews, seminars or career fairs

The Commitment to Making a Difference

A commitment on the part of the chief executive officer and the school principal is the key ingredient to the success of any partnership. In successful programs, leadership is provided both by the business and the school. Together, the partners identify appropriate activities, develop a schedule, and secure involvement.

A commitment to the Partners in Education program is an investment in our future. Your help ensures that today's youth will become learned, capable and responsible citizens – an investment that will be returned many times over.

Businesses & Organizations Will Receive...

- A prepared future workforce
- Visibility and recognition from the community
- Positive corporate image – internal and external
- An education system better informed about business needs and expectations
- Pre-training opportunities for post-high school employment
- Personal satisfaction from contributing to the community