

You're Invited!

The public schools of Walton County invite you to join Partners in Education, a program that offers you the opportunity to share your expertise, time, ideas and experience to enrich the students in your community.

How Can My Business Help Students?

Opportunities are virtually unlimited. These are just a few ways you can help:

- Assist/support school activities.
- Provide tutoring and classroom help.
- Give certificates/awards for academic achievement, perfect attendance, and good citizenship.
- Sponsor school activities and programs.
- Bring business skills into the classroom, teaching employment readiness and making presentation on curriculum-related topics.
- Donate supplies and equipment.
- Award mini-grants to teachers.
- Provide teacher of the year recognition and/or host teacher appreciation events.



There are two types of partnerships designed to fit the needs of the business and the school.

Partners in Education

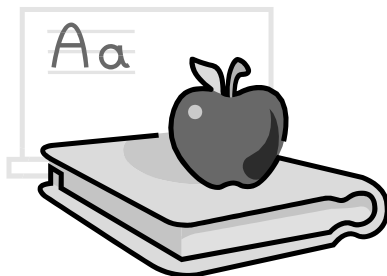
The Partners in Education Program is designed to encourage greater student academic achievement by developing partnerships between individual schools and area businesses, industries and community groups.

It also involves an on-going commitment between a business and a school that grows and develops throughout the school year. The school and partner develop a comprehensive plan of action which will:

- Support and enrich the education of students
- Encourage and support the school staff
- Recognize and reciprocate the contributions of the partner.

Partners At Large

These partnerships give businesses the opportunity to work with a specific program, curriculum, or group across several schools. The relationship between a school and business is limited to the offered program. It can be as simple as donating excess materials, or being a major contributor to a major project. It is not an ongoing relationship with one school.



Participant Benefits

Regardless of which partnership you choose, the most important result of your company's participation will be to broaden the learning experience of students by exposing them to your staff, your business, and to actual business situations.

Businesses also gain heightened public awareness and the personal satisfaction that comes with having a role in the process which molds our future work force and community leaders.

Direct return on your investment includes:

- A better educated work force
- Gain valuable marketing exposure and community goodwill for your business
- Recognition in school and community publications
- The introduction of your company to the school community
- A positive effect on the morale of everyone involved
- An increase in the visibility to potential customers.



How Does It Work?

How Can My Business Become a Partner?

First consider:

- Are you and your employees interested in helping a school?
- What are the resources your company has to offer - human and material?
- How many employees can participate?
- How much time can your company invest in partnership activities?
- What age group do you prefer: elementary, middle, high school or a system-wide partnership?
- What school is most convenient to your business?

Are You Ready?

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What Happens Next?

When you register to become a Partner in Education, you will be referred to the school of your choice or to the school with the greatest need if no choice is specified. The school's PIE Coordinator will contact you to make an appointment to discuss your partnership and to design an arrangement that suits your resources and objectives and meets the needs of the school.

Your business will also become part of a network of responsible, community-minded companies all over Walton County and will be invited to special PIE training, networking and recognition events.

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