

Frequently Asked Questions



What is a Partnership?

Education Partnerships are cooperative relationships between businesses or organizations and schools. Working through multiple strategies, education partnerships ensure that youth complete their education prepared to be responsible citizens who significantly contribute to the economic, civic and social environment in which they live and work. Partnerships are designed to strengthen a student's knowledge of the outside world and to show students that volunteering keeps communities functioning.

Who can become a Partner?

Any business or service organization with a desire to make a difference in the lives of students is a potential partner. Partners represent a variety of industries, such as banking, retail, medical, religious and non-profit organizations. For example, banks may operate a student savings account program. Medical offices may provide educational resources or awareness materials to students and their families. Many retail businesses offer product incentives, donate items for campus special events or initiate donation drives. A staffing firm may hold resume writing seminars for students, or a local corporation may provide guest speakers to highlight their career field.

Businesses and organizations of all sizes can be effective partners and each partnership is individualized to meet the needs of the campus. Some businesses may prefer serving at the elementary level, while others may be better suited for the secondary level. Potential partners work together with the District and campus to create the best partnership possible.

How do I get started?

The Tyler ISD Communications department will work with your business to arrange a partnership that works best for you and our campuses. Together, we will discuss your thoughts

and our campus needs so that we can arrange a partnership that best for you. There is no level of partnership too small. Our students will benefit from your company's time, talent and energy.

All volunteers are screened and must undergo a criminal background check.

Once the parameters for the partnership are set, all volunteers who will be working directly with students must complete the online registration form. This form is located at www.tylerisd.org. Simply click on the Community tab to the left of the page, and then select How to Volunteer. Please allow 10-14 days for the application process to complete. When complete, your volunteer badge will be available for pick up at the campus you designated on the application. Volunteer badges must be worn at all times by volunteers while on campus or at school events.

How many volunteers are needed and how often?

The amount of volunteers needed varies per the needs of each campus. Tyler ISD values each and every volunteer, whether a small company provides five volunteers to help make copies on Fridays or a large company supplying over 100 volunteers to help with Field Day. Campus administrators will work with you to customize a plan that works best for your company and the school.

Examples of Partnerships

Below are just a few of the possibilities your business can help serve the students of Tyler ISD:

- Business employee/staff service days
- Campus mentors or tutors
- Classroom reading events or reading buddies
- Provide "Career Day" guest speakers
- College preparation/application mentors or advisors
- Campus event support through supplying volunteers or in-kind donations
- Teacher workroom volunteers
- Provide field trip opportunities
- Campus beautification projects
- Clothing/food donations
- Summer internships/shadowing opportunities
- Lunchroom volunteers
- Tyler ISD employee discounts for retail and service industries
- Tyler ISD employee appreciation lunches
- After school programs
- Student attendance incentives
- In-kind donations
- And MORE!