



Partners in Excellence

*Business, Community, and Schools Together
Making a Difference*

Program Application and Information

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Dougherty County
School System
Educational Achievement
Beyond All Expectations



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Program Concept

A strong educational system depends upon the collaborative effort of the schools, businesses, civic groups, churches, and the entire community. The Partners in Excellence Program, established in 1986, is a co-initiative of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dougherty County School System. Through the program, a businesses and community groups are matched with schools, specific programs or the system to form partnerships to promote excellence in education.

Benefits

- Achievement of basic skills to succeed in our society
- Increased motivation of students to attend school and develop life-skills
- Better educated students who become better employees in the future
- Improved public relations within the community and among employees
- Increased cooperation between businesses and schools to improve education
- Enhanced programs in local schools that benefit the entire community and attract families and businesses to our city

Goal

The primary goal is to strengthen and enrich the instructional program in the schools thereby ensuring that all students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes required for life-long learning and successful functioning as members of the work force, community, and society. A wide range of opportunities is available to achieve this goal.

What Partners Do

Partners are asked to help a school or system-wide program meet some of its needs. You will meet and work with a group to plan your activities. The goal of the partnership is to develop enrichment ideas that make sense to the business or community group and the school. The program is designed to be a people-to-people relationship. A partnership is a commitment of time, resources, and expertise. The main purpose of Partners in Excellence is to draw upon the human resources and expertise found in businesses and community groups to enrich and enhance the educational process of public schools.

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AGREEMENT FORM

School Information		
School Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Person:	Telephone Number:	

Business/Organization Information		
Business/Community Organization:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Person:	Telephone Number:	
Email Address:		

The above named school and business/community organization have agreed to participate in the Partners in Excellence Program.

Beginning Date of Partnership

Partnership End Date

Signature of Principal

Signature of Business/Community Representative

Partners in Excellence Coordinator



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ACTION PLAN IDEAS

- Provide instructional materials for individual student use
- Serve as a consultant or resource person
- Read to students
- Create and sponsor literacy projects
- Serve as a tutor (at least one hour per week)
- Support dropout prevention programs
- Provide a tutorial program (civic groups, churches, recreation facilities)
- Sponsor special interest groups
- Sponsor 25 Book Campaign or 25 Million Word Campaign
- Create a nature trail or an outdoor classroom
- Serve as a mentor (at least once per week)
- Sponsor a student internship position
- Sponsor students spending a day in business
- Provide job training for students
- Provide awards, trophies, ribbons, etc
- Contribute to the Superintendent's Activity and Student Incentive Funds
- Donate books, software, etc
- Assist with health screening
- Assist with landscaping projects
- Present seminars for teachers and other staff
- Sponsor students to attend cultural and educational events
- Serve as judges for contests
- Provide the newspaper for a school or class
- Provide refreshments for student recognition (attendance, grades, citizenship,)
- Provide refreshments for teacher appreciation, volunteer appreciation, PTO, etc.
- Provide incentives and materials for "I Care"
- Other –open-ended for your creative ideas!

Other:



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ACTION PLAN AND AGREEMENT

List school needs/activities

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Partner participation and support correlated to needs/activities

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Service Learning Project (Community Service) – Partners may wish to plan a joint project. This is an excellent way to involve students in experiential learning and to recognize and highlight the partnership. Briefly describe such a project.

Date of follow-up meeting _____
Time and place of meeting _____

Signature of Principal/Facilitator

Signature of Partner Representative

