



# Ways Businesses Can Help Our Schools



## *Bringing the community into the classroom . . . Osceola Partners in Education*

Thank you for your interest in the Osceola School District's Partners in Education program. We appreciate and depend on our community's active interest in local education. Currently, Partners in Education is made up of more than 250 district and school-based partnerships. Connecting education with the business community allows us to provide students with even more opportunities for success. There are a variety of ways in which you can become a partner. Our schools are always willing to explore how your business or organization can become involved. We look forward to seeing your name among our Partners in Education very soon!

### **Ways to Become Involved:**

- Paid release time for employees to volunteer
- Donate equipment or materials
- Serve as mentor, tutor, or guest speaker
- Make financial contributions
- Provide incentives for students for academic achievement
- Donate tickets to cultural or athletic events
- Participate in the School Advisory Council
- Provide employment, internships, or job shadowing opportunities
- Provide mock interviews and hiring information
- Conduct school beautification projects
- Sponsor field trips for students
- Provide workshops for parents and staff
- Allow students to design artwork for business offices and/or lobby
- Host meetings for school
- Provide printing services for school newsletters and publications
- Sponsor after-school clubs
- Offer marketing, public relations, or business expertise
- Recognize outstanding students, teachers, administrators and support staff
- Offer programs to enhance students' self esteem
- Support math, science, computer, and technology education programs
- Arrange a school supply or book drive
- Serve as judges for events and programs

### **How Schools Can Give Back:**

- Recognition on school marquee, in school newsletter, at school meetings, and on website
- Thank you notes from students
- Student artwork for partner to display
- Musical performances at business
- Information to media about partnership
- Holiday/birthday cards from students
- Invitations to special school programs
- Appreciation breakfast or luncheon
- Nomination of partners for local, state, and national awards
- Provide specific feedback about the impact the partnership has had on students and the school
- Free tickets to school sporting events and activities
- Plaques, banner, or certificates to business
- Photographs of students and partners working together
- Participation in school's community service projects
- School T-shirts and spirit items for business to display

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