



Paulding County Partners in Education Program

The Paulding County School District has over 29,000 students who represent the future workforce of our community. As a business partner, there are many ways you can make a significant impact on their education. By becoming a Partner in Education, you and your business can share your expertise, time, ideas and experience with the students in our community.

Goals for PIE:

- Strengthen the community's commitment to education;
- Stimulate academic achievement and lifelong learning; and
- Support area businesses in developing and preparing students to enter the workforce.

To achieve these goals, we ask that you look at these four Partnership Criteria to see if you can help a school in part or all of these areas:

- Improving academic performance;
- Growing career opportunities;
- Enriching the life experience of students; and
- Developing and enriching the faculty experience.

There are many ways for a business or organization in the Paulding County area to get involved in the PIE program, including, but not limited to:

- Assist/support school activities
- Sponsor employee breakfasts/lunches
- Provide tutoring
- Listen to a child read, or volunteer to read to an elementary school class
- Give certificates/awards/incentives to honor academic achievement, perfect attendance, and good citizenship
- Lend your expertise and skills during a Career Fair/Reality Fair/Job Shadow Day
- Provide internship and work-based learning opportunities to our high school students
- Donate supplies and equipment

Direct benefits of participating in the PIE program include:

- Students who are better educated and more prepared to enter the workforce directly from high school
- An opportunity to become known in the school community, as well as the business community
- Recognition in school and District publications
- Positive impact on employee morale from participating in the program

There are three levels of participation available:

Events Partner: this is a business/organization that supports a specific single event with monetary resources or services.

Partner-at-Large: this is a business/organization that supports the Paulding County School District **as a whole**. The purpose of this type of partnership is to allow a business/organization to offer its resources for the benefit of the entire Paulding County School District in its entirety or multiple schools. (Most companies and organizations will not fall into this category.)

Partner in Education: this is a business/organization that partners with **one to three schools** and commits to participate in at least one activity with that school per semester.

Incentive Partner: this is a business/organization that wants to offer discounts to Paulding County School District employees. Incentives/discounts will be posted on the staff Intranet site and shared with staff through email. Discounts/incentives **MUST** be updated annually or whenever they change.

Thank you for your interest in partnering with the Paulding County School District. If you'd like more in-depth information on our Partners in Education program, as well as a copy of our "Getting Started with PIE" handbook, which includes ideas on how you can get involved, where your contribution is needed, and details on how to make a monetary donation, please contact us at communiations@paulding.k12.ga.us.