



Top Ten Partnership Activities

By forming a partnership with a Chicago Public School, your organization can make a positive difference in the lives of students. There are numerous ways for companies, organizations and individuals to get involved depending on the school's needs and the available resources. Below are the ten partnership activities that have proven most effective for other partnerships. For help planning an activity or more information on starting a partnership, contact the Partnerships Office.

- 1. Tutor students in reading or math** – Meet regularly with students before, during or after school or on Saturdays to provide individual assistance for students who need it. Also, consider using an online tutoring program for added convenience.
- 2. Judge a Science or History Fair** – A great way to participate with an event that may already be on your school's calendar. Judge the fair or meet with students beforehand to help them prepare their projects.
- 3. Serve as Principal for a Day** - Encourage your company's CEO or head of the office as well as some employees to serve as Principals for a Day at your partner school. They can get to know the partner school by touring classrooms and talking to students during the day.
- 4. Hold a Beautification Day** – Improve your school's learning environment by working alongside students on landscaping, painting or decorating your school.
- 5. Mentor or e-mentor students** – Form ongoing personal relationships with students, meeting regularly or communicating online. Mentoring can be one of the most meaningful ways to engage with students at your school.
- 6. Talk to students about going to college** – Increase students' college awareness by speaking as part of a panel, a small group discussion or an assembly. Describe the college application process and the opportunities available to students during and after college.
- 7. Speak at a Career Day** – Bring colleagues to your partner school to speak about their professions and the job seeking process, advising students on how to pursue careers in the fields they are interested in.
- 8. Host students for job shadowing** – Give interested students a chance to experience your workplace and see how the skills they are learning in school will apply to their careers once they graduate.
- 9. Help establish and support extracurricular activities** – Use your individual skills and interests and the resources of your company or organization to start or support an after-school activity such as a book club, robotics club or chess team.
- 10. Collect and donate school supplies**– Help start the school year off by collecting and donating various school supplies for the students at your school. If you are partnered with a high school, you can also collect and donate dorm related supplies like sheets, phone cards, and reading lights for students from your school who are starting college.

Department of External Resources and Partnerships

Chicago Public Schools
125 South Clark St, Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: (773) 553-1540 Fax: (773) 553-1541
www.helpCPS.org | info@helpCPS.org