

# Duval County Public Schools Business/Education Partnership (BEP) Agreement

School Name/#: _____
BEP Coordinator Name/Title: _____
Coordinator's Phone #: _____

Business Name: _____
Store # or Branch Name (if any): _____
Mailing Address: _____
<small>Street/P.O. Box</small> <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><small>City</small></span> <span style="float: right;"><small>ZIP</small></span>
Contact: _____
Contact's Title & Dept./Division (if applicable): _____
Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

### Projects/Activities

List the projects in which your business would like to participate this year. Business partners must agree to participate in a minimum of one activity per year. Sample activities are listed on back.

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*The business and school listed above do hereby agree to a business/education partnership which will benefit education and business by enriching the curriculum, strengthening the future workforce, ensuring the quality of education needed for economic growth, and increasing community support and confidence.*

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Signature of Business Partner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Education Partner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

A copy of this agreement must be provided to the Community & Family Engagement Dept. and the Business Partner in order to be considered an active Business/Education Partnership.

## **Business/Education Partnership Project Ideas**

### **Business Resources**

- Provide release time for staff to participate in school activities.
- Provide in-kind or financial assistance with school newspaper, parent newsletters or other publications.
- Encourage staff to join and participate in his or her child's school PTA.
- Encourage staff to attend School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings.
- Mentor students in need of positive adult influences in their lives (*additional screening required*).
- Sponsor faculty in-service seminars on computer literacy, financial planning, human relations, etc.
- Provide tutors or classroom helpers.
- Sponsor a Grounds Clean-up Day or repaint and redecorate parts of the school that need a fresh look.
- Throw a post-FCAT appreciation party for staff and/or students (popsicles at lunchtime, a cookout for teachers, etc.).
- Offer incentives to students for academic achievement, perfect attendance, community service, etc.
- Display student academic recognition and/or artwork in company's public spaces.
- Sponsor incentive and/or recognition programs for students and/or staff.
- Adopt a classroom or grade level (by the week, month, or year).
- Donate used and surplus office supplies and equipment to school or Teacher Supply Depot.
- Provide resources speakers on whatever topics employees are familiar with (career, hobby, travel, etc.).
- Assist with science projects and the Science Fair.
- Allow short-term job shadowing for students and teachers (including unpaid internships, which count for teacher recertification).
- Contribute/loan material on careers or subject areas, such as brochures, applications, training films, etc. (middle/high schools).
- Give instruction in job interviewing techniques/host mock job interviews (high schools).
- Provide "Dress for Success" instruction (high schools).
- Participate in Job Fairs (high schools).

### **Education Resources**

- Prepare displays at business sites (student work, projects, and artwork).
- Provide business employees with information about the school system.
- Invite business personnel to special activities and athletic events.
- Promote the partnership in school publications, parent newsletters, etc.
- Encourage student groups to perform for company functions.
- Recognize the partnership through student-oriented activities.
- Conduct parenting workshops for business employees.
- Highlight the partnership at PTA meetings, etc.
- Offer VIP school tours to partner's employees.