



Principal for a Day Program Outline

- Who:** Any DCPS Public School Principal
- When:** November 5, 2009, one regular school day
- Where:** District-wide, Duval County Public schools will be participating in the second annual Principal for a Day Program
- What:** Principal for a Day Program encourages the private sector to take a leadership role in public education through having the opportunity to shadow a principal and play the role of Principal for one day .
- How:** **Complete the School Participation form as soon as possible** so that the Department of Community and Family Engagement can start matching your school with an interested business or community leader.
- Why:** The goal of the program is for community and business stakeholders to translate their one-day experience into a long-term relationship with the school, thus supporting the overall academic achievement of students.

Tips for “Principal for a Day” day...

1. Enjoy the day! This is the opportunity for someone who has expressed an interest in education to become more enlightened about the inner workings of a school.
2. Do not plan any special activities; be comfortable for them to see an ordinary school day – its ups, downs, challenges, surprises and celebrations.
3. Show off your accomplishments and express your vision.
4. As you share your vision, engage them in the conversation of what it will take to make your vision a reality. How can they support the mission through their involvement, or serve as an advocate to engage others.
5. Share the obstacles – funding, parental involvement, etc.,
6. Share the time and effort that your staff provides in the day-to-day operation.
7. Have your volunteer shadow you, visit classrooms, walk the facility, serve bus and cafeteria duty, walk the halls, monitor the restrooms, technology usages, media center access, etc.
8. As the Leader, share the responsibilities that you are accountable for, such as NCLB, state and local requirements, evening and weekend activities, etc.