

Partnership Opportunities

“Individualized partnerships allow us to choose how we can contribute to the school—either time, talent or monetary assistance. This works for us!” mid-size organization.

There are numerous ways you can serve schools in our community, regardless of the size of your organization. As a Partner in Education, you can be a catalyst and a role model, demonstrating the relationship between learning and earning, how skills learned in school can be applied in the workplace. You can also make it economically feasible for schools to serve their students to the best of their ability.

Your time, your talent, and your financial contribution make a difference!

Examples of Opportunities

Financial/In-kind

- Provide incentives for students who have improved in attendance, academics, attitude/behavior, citizenship, etc.
- Sponsor and participate in school beautification projects
- Be involved in recognition programs for students and teachers
- Sponsor special programs or school clubs, such as seminars for students, parents, administrators, and faculties, theatrical productions, and sporting events
- Underwrite the cost of a school initiative
- Provide access to technology
- Sponsor field trips, school publications, needy families at holiday times
- Support school-fundraising activities
- Donate used equipment or surplus materials for curriculum

Time

- Provide release time for employees to tutor, mentor, read to students, attend parent conferences, or be a classroom speaker
- **Mentor** a student
- Adopt a class
- Become a **Great American Teach-In** volunteer
- Participate in school events as judges and emcee’s for school events
- Be a Junior Achievement, Success at Work or Youth Motivator volunteer
- Serve on a school advisory council (SAC) or task force
- Host meetings
- Offer your services and programs to the school

School to Work connections

- Provide apprenticeships, internships, job-training for students
- Share industry skills and business practice information as a guest speaker
- Sponsor work place and industry tours
- Employ qualified students in areas of career focus
- Be a match partner for a Service Learning project
- Participate in paid cooperative education program (DCT, DECA, BCE, etc.)
- Create a school-based enterprise

- Provide career shadowing and job rotation for students, teachers, and administrators
- Develop student interviewing, job search, and resume skills
- Share industry skills and business practice information
- Develop and provide student internships
- Create and sponsor teacher apprenticeships and internships
- [School to Work website](#)

Your financial contribution to a school enables the school to direct funds to the areas they have identified as in greatest need of assistance. You can easily make your contribution through the [Polk Education Foundation](#).