

# PARTNER FACT SHEET



**Partners for Excellence**

School-Community partnerships are **agreements** between a business, agency, or organization and a school or district program to work together on an on-going basis to benefit the local educational efforts.

## **Why** become a Partner?

Partner involvement can provide many “extras” for schools which can no longer be funded through the ever-dwindling education budget. Successful schools are created through community-wide efforts and Partners have many opportunities to provide assistance to schools, individual students, and district-wide programs.

## **Who** can become a Partner?

Whether large or small, private business, organization, or public agency, everyone has something to offer that will enhance education.

## **Where** do you go to become a Partner?

If you already have a school or program in mind to partner with, you can go directly to the school or program office. Ask for the Partner Coordinator or the Principal at that site and you are on your way. If you need assistance in picking a partner project, just call the Partners for Excellence office and they will offer suggestions and get you started.

## **When** can I become a Partner?

Partnerships generally run for one school year (August through June) although partnership agreements may be initiated any time the decision to partner is reached.



## **What** can I do, as a Partner?

- Provide incentives for students who have improved their attendance, academics, behavior, attitude, citizenship, etc.
- Offer services to a school that may be unique to your business or agency.
- Become a sponsor for academic competitions and county-wide special recognition programs.
- Assist with design and printing for school publications.
- Sponsor a teacher appreciation event.
- Donate equipment or surplus materials.
- Provide display space for student art work.
- Offer to serve on the School Advisory Council.
- Provide volunteer time for employees to tutor, mentor, or read to students.



## **Got Questions?**

Visit the Leon County Schools at [www.leonschools.net](http://www.leonschools.net), go to the Community Tab and click on the Partner Information link or call the Leon County Partners for Excellence at **487-7241**.

