



San Diego Unified School District

Fact Sheet

Partnerships in Education Program

Mission Statement: "To choose a role in the education of a child is the highest form of human endeavor... the child who succeeds, in part by your effort, will grow as a testament to the people who cared."

The San Diego Unified School District Partnerships in Education Program, which began in 1982, forms collaborative agreements between schools and businesses; cultural arts, professional, service and non-profit organizations; institutions of higher learning; government agencies; and military commands. The agreements combine mutual resources to accomplish specific needs. Each partnership is unique and individually designed by the school and partner. Partnerships are based on people resources, not monetary donations. Procedures for the Partnerships in Education Program are outlined in Administrative Procedure 9610.

Benefits to Business and Community Organizations

This program offers business and community organizations an opportunity to:

- take an active role in the business of educating our students;
- gain a working knowledge of public education today; and
- ensure a brighter economic future for our students, the community, and the nation.

Lists of suggested partnership activities, developed from school/partner feedback and linked to California content standards, are available. These are strategic tools to assist schools and partners to focus their efforts in literacy, mathematics, physical education, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts. The *Partnerships in Education 2006-2007 Data Report*, recruiting packet and *Toolkit* are available from the Community Relations Department.

Activities Partners Support

- tutoring students in reading, writing, science and mathematics skills
- mentoring students and focusing on self-esteem issues
- supporting school-to-career efforts, including tours of businesses, student internships, and career fairs
- providing volunteers for student portfolio/senior exhibition panels
- advising schools in marketing efforts, such as creating newsletters and brochures
- facilitating a business/partnership advisory committee to integrate community resources into classrooms
- providing job shadowing opportunities for staff and/or students
- joining the school in campus beautification projects
- giving presentations to students regarding company standards for reading, writing, mathematics, science and computer skills
- providing opportunities where students can be exposed to positive role models, learn about various employment options, and understand expectations for hiring, employee ethics and workplace policies

SUMMARY

- ❖ Approximately 1,400 businesses and community organizations participate as partners
- ❖ The largest percentage of partners have 30 or fewer employees
- ❖ 2006-07 business/community partners in education donated approximately \$5.6 million in human, financial and in-kind goods and services through their partnerships (data is collected every other year)
- ❖ Partners benefit by improving corporate morale and employee productivity.

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