

Become a Partner

A Step by Step Guide To Establish Business/Education Partnerships

Step One: Contact Gaston County Schools Business and Education Partnerships Office

The Business Partnerships Office will help match school and businesses for partnership endeavors. Selection may be based on the following:

- School improvement needs
- Available resource
- Grade level interest of business (elementary, middle grade, senior high)

Step Two: Meet with Potential Partner

The Business Partnerships Office will arrange for the initial meeting. The meeting may involve these personnel:

- Principal and selected representative
- Key business executives and member of the company's education team
- School system's Partnership Director

Step Three: Determine Partnership Objectives

Based on the school improvement plan and available business resources, the business and school will determine school objectives to be impacted by the partnership

Step Four: List Activities

Once the objectives have been decided, partners must determine activities for achieving those objectives and the persons to be responsible for specific tasks.

Activities should be:

- Focused on desired results
- Appropriate- Consider Objectives you want to achieve and how activities will address the objectives

Step Five: Determine Results/Evaluation

All objectives should be evaluated to present evidence that activities resulted in progress for targeted population.

Reevaluation and discussion can be scheduled to consider any changes or feedback necessary to achieve expected results.

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