



# #getCONNECTED

“Cultivating Creative Minds with a Heart to Serve”



Thank you for your interest in supporting the students of Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy! Our program is made possible by the generous support of Dr. Brian V. Hightower, the Cherokee Board of Education, and community partners. We want to help you “GET CONNECTED.” There are several levels of engagement that you can choose as a community partner and many ways that we can support you.

## Ways that partners can support the BGSA STEM Academy:

- Classroom presentations about your career or industry
- Provide real-world projects for students to solve
- Company site visit so that students can see STEM in action
- Sponsor material resources for student projects, clubs, or teams
- Group mentors to advise students during projects
- Subject matter experts to advise teachers and students on content related questions
- Guest judges for student projects
- Mentor or tutor a student
- Read or be read to by a student
- Provide incentives to motivate students
- Support school functions, such as parent involvement initiatives
- Sponsor STEM lab experiences
- Provide a tax-deductible financial donation
- Provide connections to other partners

## Ways that BGSA STEM Academy can support partners:

- Recognize partner in school display of partners
- Provide partners with the opportunity to set up tables at school meetings and events
- Recognize partners in weekly parent newsletter
- Recognize partners in designated area on school website
- Receive thank-you letters from students, staff, and/or parents
- Invitation to attend special events at school
- VIP seats for events at school
- Sponsor joint service projects to students, parents, and partners can work together to improve the school and community
- Provide entertainment by students/student groups at special events hosted by the partner
- Invitation to partner/volunteer appreciation event
- Inform the Cherokee County School District’s Office of Communications of partner involvement
- Nominate a partner for district recognition

## How to officially #getCONNECTED as a Partner in Education or Companies that Care:

**Step 1:** First elect if you are a Partner in Education or Companies that Care.

- If you are a member of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, please complete the **Partnership Application** by visiting the Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy (<https://bges.cherokeek12.net/>). Select PTA & Partners section > Scroll down to how to become a partner section > Select Partnership Application.
- If you are not a member of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, please complete the **Companies that Care Application** by visiting the Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy website (<https://bges.cherokeek12.net/>). Select PTA & Partners section > Scroll down to how to become a partner section > Select Companies that Care Application.
- Please email the completed application to our STEM Partnership Liaisons noted below or drop off your completed application at Ball Ground Elementary STEM Academy. This agreement will automatically renew each year for no more than three-years.

**Step 2:** Contact our STEM Partnership Ambassador, Rebecca Heard at 770.721.5900 or [rebecca.heard@cherokeek12.net](mailto:rebecca.heard@cherokeek12.net) or our STEM Partnership Liaison, Mollie Dunn at [mollie.dunn@cherokeek12.net](mailto:mollie.dunn@cherokeek12.net).



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