



## Partnerships in Education Program

The Beaumont ISD Partnerships in Education program links businesses and organizations with schools to share resources, both in people and materials. The goal of the Partnerships in Education program is to pair businesses with schools based on student and curriculum needs. Representatives of the business and school staff outline goals that align with the campus improvement plan.

Our business partners are valuable in so many ways through their support of our campuses. Through volunteering, in-kind donations, program support and many other creative ways, our partners in education are committed to building a better community through their involvement in our district. It is extremely important that campuses complete the online campus needs assessment at the start of each school year so that they can be matched with an appropriate partner.

Businesses and organizations can sign up to partner with schools by completing the Partners In Education application located on the District's website. After the registration form is received, the Office of Community and Media Relations will review the request and will contact the potential partner to discuss the partnership in further detail. Once paired, a meeting will be scheduled to provide an opportunity for the partner and campus principal to develop goals and review the campus improvement plan.

**Mission:** The mission of the Partnerships in Education program is to enhance the quality of education in Beaumont schools and the quality of the workforce for businesses by establishing and maintaining a long-term and creative partnership designed to be dynamic, innovative and highly responsive to the school and business/organization.

Why is there a need for Partnerships In Education?

- Develop a positive relationship between the school and community businesses and organizations.
- Provide opportunities for students to gain knowledge about career paths.
- Provide students with positive role models within our community.

What is the process for engaging in a partnership?

- A principal may contact a business to participate in the Beaumont ISD Partnerships in Education program or the business may contact the campus. However, the business representative must complete a Beaumont ISD Partners in Education application online via the District's website at [www.bmtisd.com/community/community](http://www.bmtisd.com/community/community).
- If a partner wishes to submit a partnership proposal for programs such as after school programs, curriculum/education programs or employee programs, they must complete an application online via the District's website at [www.bmtisd.com/community](http://www.bmtisd.com/community).
- Upon approval, a representative from the Office of Community and Media Relations will contact the business to set up a meeting with the campus principal to discuss goals, calendar of events and expectations.
- All partners must complete a volunteer application found on the District's website at [www.bmtisd.com/community](http://www.bmtisd.com/community).
- Quarterly update meetings will be held to discuss partnership progress and address questions or concerns.

What types of partnerships are available?

- School level Partnerships in Education
  - Select school of your choice.

- Complete a Beaumont ISD Partnerships in Education application via the District's website at [www.bmtisd.com/community](http://www.bmtisd.com/community).
- Districtwide Partner in Education
  - Select multiple schools across the District.
  - Complete a Beaumont ISD Partnerships in Education application via the District's website at [www.bmtisd.com/community](http://www.bmtisd.com/community).

## **Volunteer and Partner Expectations and Guidelines**

### **Volunteer Identification**

Check in and out every time you enter and exit a school. The school will issue you an identification badge that is to be worn at all times and turned in as you leave the building.

### **Attendance**

If you will not be able to volunteer on an assigned day, please contact the main office or the volunteer campus designee to let them know of your absence as soon as possible.

### **Dress Code**

Volunteers serve as role models for students and are expected to present a positive image. Please dress appropriately for volunteer activities.

### **Parking and Facilities**

Park only in designated parking spaces. Volunteers should only utilize staff restrooms, NEVER student restrooms.

### **Communication**

- Keep open communication with the principal and school staff. Ask questions as they arise. Share matters of concern with school personnel.
- Do not share your personal contact information (phone or address) with a student.
- Avoid promoting political candidates or parties; personal or religious doctrines or beliefs; specific business, commercial products or brand names. Volunteers must also refrain from proselytizing.

### **Diversity**

Beaumont ISD takes pride in having a diverse school district. Please be respectful of the different lifestyles and beliefs you will encounter.

### **Social Media and Photography**

Do not post pictures of students on social media outlets. Permission for photos must be requested and approved by school staff and/or parents.

### **Gifts & Money**

Your time and knowledge are the greatest gifts you can provide to any student. We ask that you not provide tangible or monetary gifts to students.

### **Confidentiality**

Volunteers are required to keep personal student information such as grades, attendance, disciplinary hearings or special services provided to a student completely confidential. Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), volunteers do not have access to most confidential information.

### **Health and Safety**

- Familiarize yourself with the school's emergency preparedness plan in the event of inclement weather, fire, accidents, evacuation plans and other emergencies. Practice drills are conducted periodically throughout the school year; please participate if you are present in the school.
- If a child is injured, immediately report the incident to the school nurse and/or administrator. Do not administer medications or give medical treatment to a child.

- Due to severe environmental and food allergies, volunteers should not provide snacks or food of any kind to students.
- Volunteers must seek the aid of school personnel in case of discipline problems, suspected mental health or drug/alcohol problems. Please do not take matters into your own hands.
- Abide by District rules and policies governing tobacco, alcohol and drug use, as well as concealed handguns at all times.

## **Recognition of Volunteers and Partners**

### **District Volunteer and Partnership Recognition**

- April is designated as Volunteer Appreciation Month. During this time, the District recognizes the top two volunteers recommended by the campus principals and all active District business partners for the outstanding service provided at its Volunteer and Partner Recognition Luncheon.
- During the month of April, campuses are asked to recognize all volunteers by hosting a small recognition event of their choosing (i.e. Volunteer reception, breakfast, luncheon, awards program).

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How does a business or organization become a BISSD partner?**

Complete the online Partners in Education application. Upon completion, a member of the Office of Community and Media Relations will contact the potential partner to discuss the partnership in further detail.

### **What is a Partnership?**

A partnership is formalized by a written agreement between a school/department, a school program or a districtwide program and a business, a community organization (service, educational or cultural), a government agency or faith-based community.

### **What is a Donation?**

A donation is any contribution of goods, services or funds to be used by a Beaumont ISD department or campus. The intent of a donation is to provide additional resources to accomplish the goals of the District (department/campus).

All requests for donations should be submitted through the online portal. A link to the portal will be emailed to all principals and can be found on the District website. Campuses should not contact partners directly for donation or sponsorship requests. All requests must support the Campus Improvement Plan.

### **My volunteer submitted their application but hasn't received confirmation of their clearance?**

Volunteers are cleared within two weeks of the application submission. Once the background check has been completed and the volunteer has been cleared, the volunteer will receive a confirmation email.

### **How do I go about sponsoring an event?**

Campus principals must submit a request through the District website for monetary or in-kind sponsorships. Campuses should not contact partners directly. A member of the Community and Media Relations team will contact partners directly.