

FAITH-BASED ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Volunteer Opportunities & Ideas

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Orange County Public Schools is reaching out to the faith-based community of Central Florida to engage in supporting schools on many levels. One of the best ways is for a faith-based organization to coordinate volunteer efforts from their congregation. School volunteers are extra-special people who offer extra attention and caring that can inspire students to reach for, and realize their dreams. Every school in the county needs volunteers. From elementary to high schools to alternative and exceptional education centers, educators value the time and talents of volunteers, and welcome them into the classroom.

Ways Volunteers Can Help at the Elementary Level

- Assist teachers in the classroom
- Work with students in small groups
- Mentor a child weekly or bi-weekly
- Fundraise for needed items
- Set up a food/clothing pantry
- Storytelling in the classroom
- Reinforce reading or math fluency
- Translate parent outreach materials
- Fund/Chaperone field trips
- Assist in the lunchroom
- Discuss careers or hobbies
- Recruit additional volunteers or business partners
- Implement Anti-Bullying or Character Education programs
- Set up a school garden
- Conduct a backpack/school supply drive at Back To School time & New Years

Ways Volunteers Can Help at the Secondary/Alternative Level

- Speak about careers and experiences
- Serve as Mentors/Tutors
- Be role models
- Fundraise for needed items
- Set up a food/clothing pantry
- Serve on a "homework hotline" team
- Support free breakfast/lunch options
- Sponsor hands-on science labs or clubs
- Fund/Chaperone field trips
- Assist in vocational classes
- Help students with homework and make-up assignments
- Help non-English speaking students with conversational skills
- Assist in organizing a college fair
- Assist teachers in gathering resources

Ways Schools Can Give Back to Faith-Based Organizations

- Student Performances or Artwork
- Invitations/Tickets to Special Events
- Nominations for Awards for Outstanding Volunteers or Partnership Activities
- Thank You Letters
- Tracking/Sharing Success in Academics/Behavior
- Newsletter/Marquee Thank You

These suggestions are only the beginning, implement your own ideas!