

FWISD Adopt-A-School 101 IDEAS THAT WORK!

To Support Academic Achievement:

- Serve as a pen pal to a student or to a class.
- Read to a student or to a class.
- Serve as a Career Day speaker.
- Tutor a student or group of students.
- Demonstrate a skill that corresponds to curriculum.
- Assist as a coach for an academic team.
- Sponsor an essay contest for prizes.
- Sponsor a poster or art contest for prizes.
- Sponsor a family academics night.
- Collect and distribute dictionaries or thesauruses.
- Collect and distribute school supplies.
- Purchase co-curricular supplies for classrooms.
- Collect/distribute clothing that meets standards of dress.
- Provide incentives and rewards for student achievement.
- Spotlight a "Student of the Month."
- Chaperone a field trip.
- Sponsor school-based academic contests.
- Judge academic contests.
- Judge academic exhibits.
- Eat lunch with students.
- Host a writing camp.
- Host an "academic concepts discovery" field trip at the business.
- Host a "Young Authors Symposium."
- Make life skills and financial planning presentations.
- Offer rewards for Accelerated Readers.
- Provide judges for a declamation contest.
- Host a math/science camp that demonstrates real life applications.
- Participate in a Reading Is Fundamental book distribution.
- Display student art at the business.
- Invite the choir or drama group to perform at a company event.

To Support Teachers:

- Host breakfast or lunch for teachers.
- Contribute to the Campus Teacher of the Year dinner.
- Donate supplies and furnishings for the teachers' lounge.
- Provide scholarships for teachers' studies.
- Invite teachers to attend company seminars.
- Host a faculty training or meeting.
- Donate office supplies and equipment for teachers and staff.
- Provide gift certificates for teacher recognition.
- Host teachers and recognize them at business luncheons.
- Volunteer in a classroom or in the library.



- Make copies for teachers.
- Donate magazines for classroom use.
- Sponsor Newspapers in Education.
- Donate classroom supplies such as facial tissue, hand sanitizers, notebook paper, pencils.
- Offer computer training.
- Offer financial literacy workshops for teachers.
- Become a "room parent."
- Offer teacher discounts at your place of business.
- Spotlight a "Teacher of the Month" at your business.

To Help Students Explore College and Careers:

- Teach Junior Achievement classes.
- Host students for a career day exploration.
- Invite students to be guests at a company/organization luncheon.
- Engage students in career interest discussions.
- Engage students in college interest discussions.
- Hire summer interns.
- Host a "Ground Hog Shadow Day" for students.
- Volunteer in a high school Go Center.
- Sponsor a day trip to a local college or university.
- Sponsor a college scholarship.
- Sponsor bus transportation to College Night.



To Support Parents:

- Offer to print materials to distribute to parents.
- Purchase refreshments for parent meetings and activities.
- Furnish door prizes for parent meetings and activities.
- Serve on the Site Based Decision Making Team.
- Purchase alarm clocks for families to support attendance.
- Provide a financial literacy workshop for parents.
- Provide a college financial aid workshop for parents.
- Offer a Santa's workshop where students can "purchase" gifts for family.
- Provide Holiday baskets for families in need.
- Man a booth at the school's carnival or sports event.
- Provide a holiday "mock store" where parents can purchase gifts for their children.
- Offer to assist families that are victims of disasters.
- Stuff backpacks with nutritional foods for weekend consumption.
- Hold a dinner that honors students and invite their parents.
- Join the PTA, PTO or booster club.
- Greet parents and students on the first day of school.
- Provide refreshments for the parent reception area on the first day of school.
- Underwrite outside-of-school activities for students.
- Underwrite child care for parent meetings and events at school.
- Allow flex time for employees on the first day of school.
- Attend a PTA/PTO meeting to let parents know about the partnership.

To Prevent Dropouts:

- Discuss the economic advantages of earning diplomas and college degrees.
- Become a mentor.
- Provide incentives and rewards for attendance.
- From the pulpit, encourage students to earn a diploma.
- Sponsor an off-campus counseling activity.
- Sponsor or volunteer during a transition camp.
- Volunteer for the school's neighborhood walk or phone-a-thon to recover dropouts.
- Make school enrollment a condition of employment for teens.
- Establish a college trust fund.
- Limit teen employee work schedules to 10:00 p.m. on school nights.

Other Ways to Support Schools:

- Assist with a campus "spruce-up."
- Provide technical assistance for school events.
- Publicize the school's accomplishments in the company/organization newsletter.
- Hold a "fun-raising" event to benefit the school.
- Participate in the school's fund raiser.
- Organize a service project that involves the students.
- Reward students for their participation in the Canned Food Drive or United Way.
- Provide incentives and rewards for behavior.
- Sign up for local retail store rewards programs that give a percentage of the sale to the school.
- Sponsor an end-of-year promotion event.

For More Information

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