



Application for Partnership

The mission of Partners In Education is to enhance the quality of education for citizens by establishing and maintaining dynamic partnerships throughout the Greater Columbus Region.

Goals of P.I.E.

1. **Strengthen the Greater Columbus Region's Commitment to Education**
2. **Stimulate Academic Achievement and Lifelong Learning**
3. **Support Area Businesses in Developing and Maintaining a Highly Skilled Workforce**

To achieve this we ask that you look at these four Partnership Criteria to see if you can help a school in part or all of these areas.

1. **Improving Academic Performance**
2. **Growing Career Opportunities**
3. **Enriching the Life Experience of the Students**
4. **Developing and Enriching the Faculty Experience**

PIE is based on the concept that "human capital" is the most important resource a partner can provide. While many businesses do provide greatly appreciated funding for specific needs, the greatest benefit to education is derived from the personal involvement of volunteers in schools. Community partners of all sizes have made impacts on students and staff throughout our area. Current partners include large and small businesses, civic organization, military units, and churches.

Thank you for your interest and support of our schools. Please return pages two and three to the address listed on page 2.

During this process please feel free to contact us with any questions. Call or e-mail Dana Whaley dwhaley@columbusgachamber.com Fax: 706-327-7512 Phone: 706-596-7005



Name of Organization:

Nature of Business/Organization:

Approximate Number of Employees: _____
Number you anticipate participating with PIE _____

Your Partnership Coordinator: _____

Title: _____

Address:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Which level of school would your organization like to partner with: (Please indicate your choices by 1st, 2nd and 3rd)

- No Preference
 Elementary School
 Middle School
 High School
 Partner at Large

List preferred schools (if any)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

Once you have completed this application please return pages 2 and 3 to:
via email to: dwhaley@columbusgachamber.com

Mail **signed** hard copy to:

**Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of
Commerce
Partners In Education
Post Office Box 1200
Columbus, GA 31902-1200
Fax: 706-327-7512 Phone: 706-596-7005**

Current Community Partners

Please list potential projects and resources you would like to share with your school. It is important to review the Partnership Success Criteria so that you can consider how your support can enhance and add value to these success factors. Not every partnership will touch all four criteria. Please refer to the last page of this application for more details about these criteria.

Partnership Success Criteria

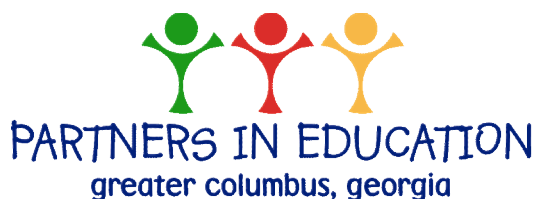
- 1 – Improving Academic Performance**
- 2 – Growing Career Opportunities**
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Business/Organization's
Signature: _____ Title _____

School Principal
Signature: _____

Name of School P I E Contact _____
Phone _____

PIE Office use
School _____ Comm Partner _____
Committee _____ Board _____



Definitions Page

Partners: There are two categories of partners; **Schools and Community Partners.** Community partners are **Business, Civic Organizations and other educational organizations who apply to be partners.**

Partnership Coordinator: Each partnership has two Coordinators; one for the community partner and one for the school. These are the people who control all communications and scheduling between the two parties.

Partner at Large: These are Community Partners that have valuable services to offer a variety of schools. They are not committed to one school. They are listed in a resource guide given to the schools using the information provided by the business or group.

Partnership Success Criteria: These are the four key areas that have been identified by P I E as the areas most needing the attention of a partner. Not every partner will address all four Criteria.

1 – Improving Academic Performance PIE partners often provide in class volunteers and homework helpers at school. Many also provide some sort of recognition of the A and A/B students. These include certificate ceremonies, breakfasts, pizza parties, many will invite families of the students to attend. Computer labs, rewards bikes, trips

2 – Growing Career Opportunities PIE partners often provide special speakers, and field trips to expose the students to educational and career possibilities.

3 – Enriching the Life Experience of the Students Some PIE partners will pick a special project at the school which needs attention. Some projects have included building a Booster booths at an athletic field, some have worked to improve a playground or landscaping.

4 – Developing and enriching the Faculty Experience Many partnerships look for ways to thank the teachers who work so hard for the students. They will develop incentives for classroom achievements such as an entire class succeeding on the CRCT test.