



## Fact Sheet

Partners In Education was founded in 1983 by the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc., in partnership with Broward County Public Schools and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

In 1999, the program became a support organization of Broward County Public Schools under the umbrella of the Community Involvement Department. Partners In Education continues as a non-profit organization with a community Board of Directors.

Partners In Education has more than 3,400 active partnerships in public schools. With 92% of schools reporting, the value of partnerships for the 2011-12 school year exceeded \$4.37 million. During this period, more than 7,854 volunteers donated 75,100 hours of service to increase student achievement.

While partnerships must comply with all School Board policies as well as state and federal laws, individual schools may select and create partnerships that serve the needs of their students.

Investment of time and people is most important to successful partnerships. Material and financial support is also extremely important, especially as school budgets decrease. However, interpersonal relationships remain the key to providing a meaningful experience for both students and partners.

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Businesses or community organizations interested in forming a partnership with a school may contact Partners In Education at [partnersineducation@browardschools.com](mailto:partnersineducation@browardschools.com) or they may contact the school directly.