

# - ADOPT A SCHOOL -

## Iredell - Statesville Schools

Together, Ensuring *Every Child Succeeds* by Igniting a *Passion* for Learning

### Building a True Partnership for the Whole Child

#### Successful Ideas

Volunteer schedules can be flexible (e.g. once a week, once a month, twice a month). School staff resources may be limited, so the more the volunteers can do without having to pull on school staff the better.

- Cater a faculty meeting – provide snacks/breakfast/lunch and soft drinks for one or more of the staff meetings of School
- Lunch Buddy program –volunteers eat with a student and act as a mentor.
- Reading Buddy program – volunteers read with student(s) and work with the classroom teacher to help strengthen reading skills of student(s).
- Media Center – volunteers help with shelving and/or checking out books, organizing the media center, labeling A.R. books, and maintaining library inventory
- Field trips – volunteers help chaperone/donations toward field trips
- Office help/Greeter – volunteers help with filing, signing in other volunteers, etc.
- Lunchroom help – volunteers hand out straws and/or napkins, help open drink containers, etc. (usually needed with younger grades)
- Open or help restock a clothing closet for the school. Collect extra coats, sweatshirts, undergarments, socks, shoes, etc. for students who may need items during the school day. Consider donating items left in Lost and Found at the end of semester or school year.
- Collect hats and mittens for classrooms.
- Sponsor a Student's Tech. Fee \$30.00
- Tissue and hand sanitizer drive – collect some of the most valuable items for teachers! With permission from both principals, hold a drive and donate these items.
- Book drive – collect and donate gently-used books to help promote literacy. This is always welcome before a long break. Make sure volunteers sort the books by grade level before distributing in order to minimize impact on limited school staff resources.
- Grocery store affinity card link-ups (e.g. Harris Teeter VIC card) – grocery store affinity programs allow customers to link their card to multiple schools. Schools earn cash



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donations based on the percentage of dollars spent at the store.

- Collect Dinner items donations from for Thanksgiving/Christmas to gift to Families (work with school Social Worker/SAP and local Supermarkets)
- School supply drive – collect paper, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, binders, folders, index cards, glue sticks, scissors, sticky notes, paper clips, note cards, and dry erase markers.
- Collect Treasure Box reward items for classrooms – fun pencils, stickers, colorful erasers, small toys (e.g. unopened fast food kid's meal toys)
- Book Fair - volunteers help set up the fair, sell books, and take down books and tables.
- Book Fair – provide opportunity for parents and students to buy books for classrooms based on lists provided by teachers
- Host with the school Family Dinner Night or other after-school family function
- Collect raffle items to be used to help bring families to school for important meetings. Like-new bicycles and computers, and gift cards work well.
- Sponsor the School Angel Tree or Christmas/Holiday Gift Items for Students
- Junior Achievement – volunteers visit classrooms and teach the lesson Collect supplies for specific field trips/activities (e.g. 5th graders going to Camp Thunderbird need flashlights, soap, shampoo, brush, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, flip flops, etc.)
- Teach Character Education lessons – volunteers teach the monthly Character Education lesson using materials provided by the classroom teacher
- Art work or Pen Pals – with notes to introduce children to each other and learn about each other's classrooms
- Field trip to perform at partner school – for example choir, drama clubs, dance
- Videotaped messages from classroom to classroom
- Shared service project (e.g. Pennies for People supported those impacted by Hurricane)
- Assist on PBIS School Awards Day
- Community Volunteer Walks in Partnership with Mitchell Community College/Statesville Housing Authority/Iredell-Statesville Schools
- Assist/Volunteer in Sports Concessions Stand
- Volunteer to work with students and/or Donate Seeds, Mulch, Soil, and other gardening supplies to School's Raised Gardens/Greenhouses
- Support HS Prom (Donations, Chaperone, Decorations, etc)
- Host Afterschool/Community Youth Program at your facility
- Host a Boys Scouts or Girl Scout Troop at your facility
- Guestspeaker to Classroom sharing Career Example (Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Fireman, EMT, Nurse, Barber, Veterinarian, etc.)

