

Strength in *Foundation*

Initiated in 1983, the Adopt-A-School Partnership Program has enriched the lives of thousands of students in the Omaha Public Schools.

The Omaha Public Schools maintain a long and fortunate history with those who have embraced the Adopt-A-School Partnership Program.



OPS would like to thank the more than 480 businesses and organizations that continue to enhance the quality of education of the students in our school district.



Strength in *Partnerships*

The results of the Adopt-A-School Partnership Program are indisputable. Students are clearly responding to the advantage of a community that cares, while more and more community organizations realize the benefits and opportunities resulting from these partnerships.

Get Involved Today!

Meet with an OPS Student and Community Relations specialist to start building an exciting and mutually rewarding partnership between your business and a school in your community. For more information or to schedule a consultation, call 557-2130.

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Omaha Public Schools

Adopt--School
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



**Building Community
Strength Through
Lasting Partnerships**



John J. Mackiel, Superintendent

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Strength in *Vision*

The OPS Adopt-A-School (AAS) Partnership Program successfully joins the Omaha Public Schools and civic-minded businesses and organizations in the Omaha community. These lasting partnerships share a dedicated goal of enriching the community through education. It is a dual effort toward success.

Strength in *Community*

Preparing students for a successful future is a community responsibility. Becoming an AAS partner is an opportunity for businesses and organizations to fulfill this sense of responsibility, while benefiting from an interactive partnership.

The sharing of community resources between a school and a business through the Adopt-A-School Partnership Program effectively closes the gap between needs and solutions. Mobilizing resources in this efficient and effective manner is critical to the total success of a community.

In addition, AAS partners receive the tangible benefits of a strengthened community along with a deep sense of



community pride – knowing they are making a difference in the education of children and in their future.

Strength in *Involvement*

A notable feature of the Adopt-A-School Partnership Program is its diversity and flexibility. Any business or community organization may apply to become a partner. The adopting organization may choose the school(s) in which it wants to become involved or may choose to be matched to the school(s) that most suits its objectives. The extent of involvement of each adopted school is determined on an individual basis.

Schools available for adoption span from elementary to high schools and geographically extend throughout the Omaha metropolitan area. Schools may work cooperatively with several partners; collectively meeting the needs of the students and businesses. Some organizations may choose to adopt several schools intending to reach a more diverse community of learners



Each partnership is “tailor-made” – mutually benefiting both the adopting organization and the school.

Strength in *Opportunity*

The following is a sampling of opportunities and benefits available as an Adopt-A-School partner. An OPS Student and Community Relations specialist will consult individually with organizations, determining the most profitable partnership opportunity for everyone.



Benefits to the PARTNER:

- Jobs skills training
- Use of facilities when school is not in session
- Community exposure
- Improved work force
- Music programs
- Art displays
- Admission to sports events, musicals, etc.

Benefits to the SCHOOL:

- Career talks/career days/career fairs
- Workplace tours
- Job shadowing
- Internships/Externships
- Mentoring Lunch Buddy
- Mentoring Reading Buddy
- Project-based learning
- School-based enterprise or entrepreneurial projects
- Curriculum development
- Instructional materials
- Business practice advisement