




**BIRMINGHAM**  
CITY SCHOOLS  
BUILDING LEADERS. IMPACTING THE WORLD.



**VOLUNTEERING IN BCS  
IS EASY AS P.I.E.  
(PARTNERS IN EDUCATION)**

## Ways to Volunteer

Educating the scholars in our community is a shared responsibility, and everyone can help. Here are a few ways to get started to help our scholars reach their full academic potential.

### General Volunteer Activities

- Serve as tutors for both remediation, acceleration, and enrichment
- Read to students/listen to students read
- Offer homework help at after-school programs
- Promote school pride/beautification
- Become “Lunch Buddies” to mentor students
- Assist with special school events
- Provide guest speakers for school programs and special events
- Provide volunteer recognition for both the school and business volunteer efforts
- Sponsor school clubs
- Volunteer to serve as Science Fair coaches or judges
- Practice vocabulary to support English language learners
- Make and play instructional games to support and reinforce learning
- Assist with the preparation of bulletin boards
- Assist with handwriting practice
- Drill spelling words
- Conduct arts and crafts projects
- Create a school garden
- Set up experiments
- Reinforce alphabet and number recognition with young learners

### Student Incentives

- Offer students incentives for grades, attendance, or exceptional behavior
- Offer reading prizes/incentives
- Sponsor a student of the week or month program
- Sponsor student contests in math, writing, spelling, art, or science
- Display exceptional student work at your company
- Offer scholarships
- Host a Back-to-School celebration to encourage first-day-of-school attendance

### In-Kind Services

- Offer business skills for special projects
- Donate books to the media center
- Assist with the school’s PR activities
- Provide printing
- Provide technical expertise/assistance to support the school's social media presence

### Equipment and Materials

- Donate equipment
- Provide surplus supplies for classrooms or office
- Refurbish teacher/student lounge and conference areas with donated furniture
- Donate school supplies for students

### Financial Incentives

- Offer mini-grants
- Sponsor the school’s academic team and assist with contest preparation
- Sponsor a field trip and transportation
- Provide student incentive gift cards for character, conduct or achievement
- Provide financial incentives/awards for competitions

### Teacher Support/Professional Development

- Provide recognition for the school’s Teacher of the Year
- Sponsor teacher appreciation events
- Host a breakfast for teachers on professional development days
- Assist with staff development
- Provide business consultation/expertise
- Host workshops/conferences
- Provide staff internships
- Staff recognition
- Donate classroom/office supplies

### Career Exploration/Personal Development

- Share expertise at Career Day /Organize a career fair
- Host educational tours/field trips
- Provide job shadowing opportunities for students
- Develop and implement a student leadership program
- Develop citizenship program
- Offer business visitation for students exploring career paths
- Provide mentoring
- Conduct activities around violence prevention /drug awareness
- Assist in building life skills
- Assist with resume writing
- Assist with the completion of college admission applications
- Assist students in navigating college entrance, including locating and applying for grants/scholarships.
- Discuss careers, travels, hobbies, and other areas of special knowledge