





A PROGRAM BUILT TO LINK  
BUSINESS AND SCHOOLS  
TOGETHER

## District Priorities for 2018-2019

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1. Support an environment of consistent communication.
  2. Ensure learning for all students through Core Instruction, a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Early Literacy, and the use of data to inform instruction.
  3. Support a Teacher Leader System that improves instructional practices, a collaboration of professionals, and increases student achievement.
  4. Increase and enhance 21st Century Learning Opportunities at Fort Dodge Middle School.

## Business Partner Program Goals

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1. Strengthen school and community partnership by providing our community business leaders with a welcome and active role in our school community.
  2. Expose students to a variety of career opportunities within our community.
  3. Develop an understanding of the character traits and how these are essential skills to produce responsible and productive citizens.

# Business Partner Program Expectations

MEETING GOAL: Each class and Business Partner will make it a goal to meet quarterly during the school year. Activities should be designed to help students and business partners develop a strong relationship.

PROCESS: The focus of activities should include learning the importance of character in the school and work environments, helping the students learn about their Partner and their place of employment, or connecting academic skills of reading, math, and science to the world of work.

RESULT: Student will know more about their Partner and their place of employment. Partner will be a welcome part of the class and become more familiar with our school.

Below is a list of activities to help you plan your meetings. If you think of something different, feel free to use your own ideas.

- Display The Link I support sign in your place of business
- Display Business Partner Poster outside the classroom
- Discuss character qualities of a good employee/owner/manager
- Invite Business Partners to a Character event
- Site visit- field trip to place of employment
- Share pictures or brochures of work environment
- Watch a video of the business or career
- discuss academic skills needed to be successful in the business
- Business Partners can tutor or read with students
- Invite Business Partners to read aloud to the class
- Send encouraging words, notes, cards, pictures, newsletters
- Invite Business Partners to see class projects
- Share hobbies or group energizers
- Send birthday card/note
- plan fun activities / celebrations