Freedom School Partners

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2025 Spring Edition

Summer Season

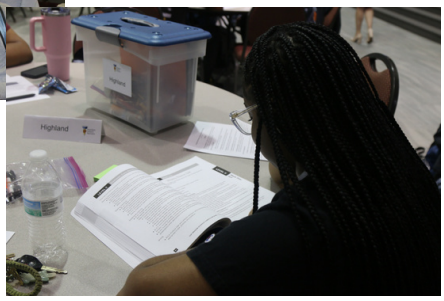
The summer season is fast approaching at Freedom School Partners (FSP), and with it comes a flurry of activity.

The year-round FSP team has been working around the clock to recruit summer staff, register scholars, prepare site partners, and gather volunteers to ensure a successful summer ahead.

A total of 87 summer staff including Servant Leader Interns (SLIs), Site Coordinators, and Regional Site Managers, have been hired to support scholars at 11 sites across Charlotte.

Beginning May 27th , SLIs will participate in over 90 hours of professional development, including Children's Defense Fund National Training in Tennessee.





SLIs during training last summer.

Spring into Summer

Another spring, another Spring into Summer summer-kick off success. Community members from across Charlotte gathered at The Terrace at Cedar Hill to celebrate summer learning.

Attendees experienced the magic of Freedom School, participated in Cheers and Chants, and learned about the numerous opportunities that scholars experience during a summer with Freedom School.









Many thanks to both individual and corporate donors whose gifts surpassed the funding goal of $150,000. The full event photo album can be found here.

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Freedom School 2025

Freedom School 2025 will be from **June 23-July 31st**. Scholar enrollment is in full swing, and over 75% of scholars are registered for the summer! There are many ways for individuals, groups, and organizations to volunteer throughout the six weeks of the program. Events with a star next to them indicate a high need opportunity.

Volunteer Opportunities

Site Material Distribution
June 16th, 7-9:30AM or 9:30-12PM, FSP Latrobe Warehouse
Assist with distributing the supplies needed for the Freedom School Program. Volunteers will load cars and their own to take items to sites.

***Harambee!* Reader**
June 24-July 30th, 8:15AM, All Sites
Harambee! is a morning pep rally that occurs at all Freedom School sites, designed to energize, affirm and empower our scholars. Come and be a guest reader during this time and learn Freedom School cheers and chants!

Great Day of D.E.A.R
July 9th, 12:45-2:30PM, All Sites
On Great Day of D.E.A.R, volunteers are paired with a scholar to Drop Everything And Read! Connect with a scholar through reading and a social action or STEAM project.

Field Day
July 1&2, 7:30-11:30AM, Providence Day School
Have fun with scholars across multiple sites and help facilitate fun field day games. This event takes place at Providence Day School.

Latrobe Warehouse Helper
Schedule a time
Help support scholars through organizing, receiving, and distributing needed supplies for our Freedom School program.

Additional Opportunities
Times Vary
D.E.A.R daily reading buddy - 11:30AM
Field trip chaperone

Scan to register for *Harambee!*

Scan to register for additional volunteer opportunities.

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Out and About with FSP

Even with the busyness of Freedom School preparations, FSP staff have been engaged around the Charlotte community.



Nikki Keith and Tiffany Williams, FSP leadership staff, attended the CMS Partnership Summit to learn more about the educational landscape of Charlotte students. Alexandra Blackwood and Nikki enjoyed an evening at the Women's Impact Fund (WIF) Annual Meeting and even ran into a FSP Board Member, Kimberly Perry!



Alexandra, Nikki, and Kimberly at WIF Annual Meeting.

Through an invitation of Bank of America, Alexandra and Nikki attended a community event at the PGA Championship as well!



As the development team is making connections in the community, the program team has been dedicated to parent orientations for Freedom School. Pictured below, Alexis Young discusses the ins and outs of Freedom School with scholar parents and guardians.



Spring was full of exciting events, and Freedom School Partners is thankful for everyone who helped make them special. FSP can't wait to keep the energy going and make this summer the best one yet!