

Facts about Partners in Education

What is Partners in Education?

PIE is a 501 (c) 3 school-business partnership organization. It was founded by the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce in 1982 to improve the quality of education for Griffin-Spalding County School System students.

What is the organizational structure of PIE?

PIE is governed by a Board of Directors composed of a minimum of nine and maximum of 18 individuals appointed by the Griffin-Spalding Board of Education, the Griffin Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the PIE Board of Directors. Ex-officio members include the school system's superintendent and School and Community Services (Communications and Partnerships) Department staff. The chairman or chairman's designee and the executive director of the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are also ex-officio members. The executive director serves as the administrator for the organization and is employed by the Griffin-Spalding County School System.

How does the PIE Board of Directors fund activities?

PIE raises money for activities in several ways. A community-wide golf tournament and Teachers giving to Teachers payroll deduction plan are the major ways that teacher grants for classrooms and teacher scholarships for graduate study are funded. PIE has been a United Way agency since the beginning of United Way in Griffin. Companies and individuals make contributions, grants are sought, and co-ops with selected partners are just a few ways that the organization supports itself.

How do students and schools receive benefits?

The schools and students receive benefits primarily through individual partnerships that are formed between the school and the business or civic organization. There are also Partners at Large who help throughout the system, and PIE works to create a network for resources and materials to move throughout the system.

How are Partners in Education recruited and retained?

Partners are recruited by individual schools as well as the system. Organizations wishing to become Partners in Education can contact Communications and Partnerships office at 770-229-3700.

Partnerships are maintained through recognition of their efforts at a district-wide annual event, school events, and in electronic, print and broadcast media.

What issues are addressed through activities?

Each school and the school system have goals set for their students and staff through their strategic plan. Partners in Education work to help meet these goals by providing reading buddies, financial donations, guest speakers, equipment and an array of other resources and materials.

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