

# Connect with Schools. Create Success.



## PENCIL Partners

\*\* Local businesses, civic organizations, and faith communities partner with Nashville public schools to establish viable community-school relationships that support educators and students.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 680 PENCIL Partners (an all-time high!) served 76,300 students.

PENCIL programs help thousands of students each year through a wide variety of programs, part of a 28-year tradition of “linking community resources with Nashville public schools to help young people achieve academic success and prepare for life.”

## LP PENCIL Box

\*\* A school-supply center that solicits community donations and new or gently used materials for teachers and students.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 31,000 students received free school supplies.

## Jobs for Tennessee Graduates

\*\* Middle and high school students receive academic support, learn job-readiness skills, access adult mentoring and participate in leadership opportunities.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 847 students are better prepared for a career or college.

## Career Mentoring

\*\* Business volunteers help ninth-grade students adjust to high school, appreciate the relevance of education and explore a wide variety of career options.

### Results

\*\* 67 students learned about wise personal and academic choices in a pilot program last year. Career Mentors will now expand to all 12 comprehensive high schools.

## Art2STEM

\*\* An afterschool program to parlay the love of art into increased enrollment of girls in high school career academies focusing on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 160 middle school students explored the world of STEM and visited local businesses and colleges. They will continue next year, and another cohort will be added.

## Reading Partners & Math Partners

\*\* Volunteers tutor elementary and middle school students in reading and math, with other volunteers reading aloud to a class of students.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 1,947 students acquired key reading skills and increased fluency, and 690 students learned essential math skills and concepts.

## Maplewood Family Resource Center

\*\* Students, families and school personnel are linked to community organizations to remove barriers that hinder academic success and productive lives.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 1,228 students were connected to services that allowed them to engage more fully in high school life.

## Student Writers Showcase

\*\* A writing competition for students in grades 5-8 that promotes effective communication and creative thinking skills.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 213 students received recognition for their initiative and excellence in writing.

## Financial Literacy & Homebuyer Education

\*\* Volunteers teach money management skills to youth and prepare prospective homebuyers.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 257 students and adults increased their financial knowledge, helping students make financially sound decisions and first-time homebuyers to purchase their own property.

## Gold Stars

\*\* An early morning and afternoon program at five Metro elementary and middle schools.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 275 students participated in tutoring, cultural, and enrichment activities before and after school.

## Saint Thomas Science Scholars

\*\* A year-long, hands-on, hospital-based learning experience for selected high school sophomores.

### 2009-10 Results

\*\* 43 students increased their scientific knowledge and gained insight into healthcare professions.