

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.