Nashville nonprofit agency, chartered in 1982 by business and community leaders

Intentionally independent of both the school district and the Chamber of Commerce

Charged with building business engagement with Nashville public schools

Responsible for community-school partnerships and school volunteers
Our mission
Linking community resources with Nashville public schools to help young people achieve academic success and prepare for life

Our vision
Community involvement and leadership in public education lead to academic success and life-sustaining careers for all Nashville citizens.
Business and community involvement is critical to the success of the Academies of Nashville

1. Alignment Nashville High School Committee was formed.
2. PENCIL and the Nashville Chamber responded to the Committee’s Invitation to Participate and offered to develop and lead the implementation of a business engagement plan.
3. The Alignment Nashville High School Committee accepted our proposal and provided ongoing review and input.
4. We researched, listened, compared best practices and developed our business engagement plan.
Business Engagement Structure for the Academies of Nashville

Academies of Nashville

Academy Partners and Academy Advisory Councils

Industry Partnership Councils
- Arts, Media, Communication
- Business, Marketing, IT
- Engineering, Manufacturing, STEM
- Health
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human and Public Services

CEO Champions
Advocate for academies and communicate needs and successes to the broader Nashville community
Established Six Industry Partnership Councils

- Arts, Media & Communications
- Business, Marketing & IT
- Engineering, Manufacturing & Industrial Technology
- Health
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human & Public Services

Charged with providing a district-wide perspective on their industry and ensuring adequate and equitable resources to meet academy needs.
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Academy Coach
Business Coordinator
Recruited Business Partners for Each Academy

- School partners agree to
  - Work together for at least one school year
  - Identify a partnership coordinator who will be the chief contact with the school
  - Participate in a planning session to determine how best to work together with the school and with other partners
  - Support the goals of the school in at least one activity
  - Report the time spent on the partnership through www.schoolvolunteers.org
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School Partnership Goals

- First goal is 2 business partners for each of the 43 academies by the end of school year 2010-11.
  - Currently Academies of Nashville have 104 Academy Partners.
  - 58% of the academies have 2 or more partners.
- All schools will establish Academy Advisory Councils.
- Academy coaches will serve as school business engagement coordinator.
- Community investment will be tracked by partners and school staff for regular reporting.