

Spring Branch ISD Volunteer Opportunities

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Junior Achievement "JA-in-a-Day"		



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Career Days

Career Days provide students with the opportunity to gain exposure to and knowledge of various career opportunities. Hosted at either a campus or partner organization site, a career day features a variety of speakers who can present to students about their field as well as the qualifications needed to achieve success in target areas. Students come prepared to explore various career opportunities, ask pertinent questions, learn to network and ultimately leave with an understanding of what it takes to be successful in various industries.

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All levels.	<p>Career Days are held during the 8:30-3:30 school day.</p> <p>A partner can expect to spend a total of 2-3 hours participating in a Career Day.</p>	None required, although best practices and helpful tips can be provided by SBISD Community Relations team.	<p>The collaborating partner is expected to participate in and/or provide volunteers to participate in the Career Day.</p> <p>Partner preparation includes a short presentation, and any corresponding materials that give students an accurate understanding of various opportunities in your field.</p>	None at this time.	<p>Abby Walker, Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289</p>

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Chaperoning

There are a variety of opportunities to serve as a chaperone within SBISD. Two initiatives that occur annually and require chaperones include student field trips to Biztown and Finance Park. Operated by Junior Achievement, Biztown is a program that allows 5th graders the opportunity to understand important elements of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. The program includes a field trip to Biztown, allowing active participation in a simulated community designed to help students develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and their successful participation in a local economy. Similarly, Finance Park offers middle and high schoolers the opportunity to understand financial concepts and an individual's role in a larger economy. The program culminates in a day-long trip to Finance Park, where students grasp the relevance of what they learn in the classroom to the real world, and better understand the relationship between income and lifestyle.

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All levels.	Time commitment varies by initiative. Field trips usually run during the 8:30-3:30 school day.	None required.	The partner is expected to communicate with the school around field trip logistics. He or she would arrive at the school in time to travel by bus with the students to and from the event. The chaperone is expected to be present throughout the entirety of the field trip activities.	Junior Achievement's Biztown website . Junior Achievement's Finance Park website .	Abby Walker , Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289

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Countdown to Your Future

The Countdown to Your Future program brings professionals into each SBISD 8th grade classroom to share the message of encouragement and motivation to make the most of the high school years and beyond. Volunteers encourage students to take a rigorous course load in high school, to engage in extracurricular activities and to work through a sample budget. This exercise affirms for students that “the more they learn, the more they earn,” and makes the case for college or advanced studies to increase earning potentials. Students are exposed to careers requiring two-year, four-year and advanced degrees, and partner organizations are encouraged to share information about their companies and professions.

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8 th Graders	Countdown to Your Future programming is conducted annually in January at all SBISD middle schools. Volunteers may register to teach one or more classes. Each class runs 1 hour.	<p>Training is provided by SBISD and our training partner, Centerpoint Energy.</p> <p>The 1.5 hour training is held at SBISD, but can also be customized and held at the partner site.</p> <p>Training includes presentation, a copy of which is available at the SBISD website.</p>	Partner provides Countdown to Your Future liaison to work with SBISD to recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer service in the partner middle school.	Countdown to Your Future Website .	Abby Walker , Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289

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Dinner with the Experts

Dinner with the Experts provides students an opportunity for networking and learning from a professional in an area of career interest. The evening provides for a networking period, followed by dinner. Typically 1 “expert” is seated with 8-12 students and is asked to share insights about his/her career, pathway to and through college/graduate school, etc. , recommendations for students interested in the career. Conversation starters and other resources are provided to assure an outstanding event. Students are nominated by their teachers, based on the topic of the dinner/careers of the speakers. We have done events focused on young women in STEM areas in the first two years of the program. A keynote speaker rounds out the evening, and the event concludes with all experts providing a panel opportunity for Q&A.

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<p>High performing 10th, 11th, and 12th graders</p> <p>Approximately 100 students per event.</p>	<p>One-time event – or more often as Partners are available to host!</p> <p>Number of volunteers determines scope of event. Typically 10-12 volunteers.</p>	<p>None required.</p>	<p>Evening Event on date determined in coordination with SBISD Community Relations. Partner Responsibility is to provide a variety of “experts” with whom students can engage over dinner conversation.</p> <p>Underwriting the event dinner is much appreciated. We estimate \$2500 for 100 students.</p> <p>Prior events have been at Norris Conference Center.</p>	<p>Event Video: Year 1 at MD Anderson Cancer Center</p>	<p>Abby Walker, Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289</p>

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Job Shadowing

Job Shadowing provides students with a “real world” opportunity to shadow a professional in his/her work setting and to gain exposure to a particular career of interest. Students articulate chosen careers of interest and are matched with a professional who provides insights to the career, the academic training needed and other words of encouragement. Students arrive by bus to the work-site between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and are picked up between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. Typically a luncheon follows for all of the career volunteers and students. Students articulate what they have learned in a highly motivating and engaging setting within the “real world.”

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10 th and 11 th Graders Approximately 10 – 20 students per event.	2-3 hours.	None required.	The partner is expected to provide a contact to coordinate with SBISD in the planning and implementation of the program. Contact is responsible for recruiting volunteers and assisting in coordinating the schedule for the event. Typical volunteers per event is 10-20. Sponsorship for the luncheon program, in exchange for promotional recognition through SBISD, is greatly appreciated. Estimated cost: \$15/person.	SBISD has developed guidelines for job shadowing events which are included in this document. The district has expertise in coordinating job shadowing events and works with all SBISD high schools. Typically, students will be selected from within one high school for each job shadowing event.	Abby Walker , Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289

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All levels.	<p>Depending upon grade level served, the curriculum ranges from 5 – 10 lessons.</p> <p>Depending upon partner school, lessons can be taught once per week, or in a “JA in a Day’ setting where the entire curriculum is taught in one day.</p>	<p>Training is provided by Junior Achievement and can be conducted at SBISD or partner work site.</p> <p>Training is approximately 2 hours. All training materials provided by Junior Achievement.</p>	<p>Partner provides JA liaison to work with SBISD, JA and campus representatives to recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer service in the local school.</p> <p>JA is an ongoing opportunity. Partners may begin a program at any time during the school year, depending upon the needs/schedule of the partner school with which the partner is matched.</p>	<p>Junior Achievement website.</p>	<p>Abby Walker, Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289</p>

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Caring Aggies Mentoring Program (CAMP)

C.A.M.P was started by the Houston area Texas A&M Club. The mission of C.A.M.P. is to mentor children as they develop through school and inspire them to pursue higher education by reinforcing excellent academic standards; building confidence and leadership skills; providing fun, life-enriching experiences; and role modeling qualities of success. This is a long term program with a simple, but direct way to make a difference in your community. Volunteers start with mentors in third grade and continue with students through high school.

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<p>3rd through 12th graders.</p> <p>Program begins with students in the 3rd grade and continue with them through high school.</p>	<p>Once-a-month mentoring commitment.</p>	<p>Training is provided by the SBISD Community Relations team.</p>	<p>Partner provides a liaison to work with SBISD and campus representatives to recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer service in the school.</p> <p>Mentors gather once a month, usually over lunch and an activity or trip with the mentees.</p>	<p>Channel 13 news coverage of CAMP</p>	<p>Abby Walker, Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289</p>

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Campus Improvement Teams (CIT)

Each of SBISD's 46 schools has a Campus Improvement Team, which serves as a think tank to produce ideas and actions that support the development of the campus. Teams consist of school and district leaders, parents, students, and business and community volunteers. CITs are responsible for serving in an advisory role to campus leadership to develop and implement campus goals that support the district's Five Year Plan.

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All levels.	CIT meeting times vary by campus, but occur on a monthly basis.	Provided by SBISD.	Members of the CIT are expected to commit time to both training and meetings with the Campus Improvement Team.	SBISD Campus Improvement Team website.	Abby Walker , Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289

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Flight XXV

Flight XXV is a pre-college preparation program geared toward underserved, low-income students. The mission of Flight XXV is to motivate, educate and inspire youth to believe in themselves so they complete their high school education, become leaders in their school and community, and understand how to ultimately enroll in college. The program began in 2007 when Leadership Houston’s Class XXV partnered with Landrum Middle School and hosted three sessions of workshops for 30 seventh graders and their parents or guardians on topics such as college planning, financial aid information, goal setting, and how parental involvement could improve the educational outcomes of youth. Flight XXV was so successful that a group of Class XXV mentors continued mentoring and sponsoring pre-college sessions for the students throughout their junior high and high school years at Northbrook High School.

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<p>7th – 12th graders.</p> <p>Program launches with 7th grade and adds a grade each year. Alternately, volunteers may choose to matriculate with students.</p> <p>Students apply to the program.</p>	<p>Once-a-month mentoring commitment, usually during an advisory period.</p> <p>There is a Saturday kick-off event for parents and students at the start of the program.</p>	<p>Training can be provided by the SBISD Community Relations team.</p> <p>The mentoring curriculum is provided by SBISD.</p>	<p>Mentors are expected to meet monthly with their mentees.</p> <p>The program begins with an application process and a Saturday event for parents and students to gear families up to be college and career focused.</p>	<p>Houston Chronicle article “Mentors for at-risk students help open the door to college”</p> <p>2007 SBISD Star News story on Flight XXV</p>	<p>Abby Walker, Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289</p>

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All levels.	<p>Depending upon grade level served, the curriculum ranges from 5 – 10 lessons.</p> <p>Depending upon partner school, lessons can be taught once per week, or in a “JA in a Day” setting where the entire curriculum is taught in one day.</p>	<p>Training is provided by Junior Achievement and can be conducted at SBISD or partner work site.</p> <p>Training is approximately 2 hours. All training materials provided by Junior Achievement.</p>	<p>Partner provides a liaison to work with SBISD, JA and campus representatives to recruit volunteers and coordinate volunteer service in the school.</p> <p>JA is an ongoing opportunity. Partners may begin a program at any time during the school year, depending upon the needs/ schedule of the partner school with which the partner is matched.</p>	<p>Junior Achievement website.</p>	<p>Abby Walker, Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and Volunteer Programs 713.251.2289</p>

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Collegiate Challenge mentors spend 1.5 hours weekly assisting high school juniors and seniors with the college application and scholarship and financial aid process. The majority of students served are high achieving (Top 25%) and most are minority, low-income students. The fifty seniors in the program in 2009-10 were admitted to more than 70 universities and earned over \$1 million in scholarships. Collegiate Challenge is a Texas High School Project Exemplar Program and is winner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Star Award. Approximately 60 volunteers currently assist 100 students with more on waiting lists.

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<p>11th and 12th Graders.</p> <p>Targeted students are in the top 10-20% of their class.</p>	<p>Volunteers meet weekly for 1.5 hours with their students during a structured Collegiate Challenge session</p> <p>Day of week and time of day depend on high school ranging from 4:30 – 6 p.m. to 6:30 – 8 p.m. depending on school.</p> <p>Program runs from September through April.</p> <p>One-school year commitment.</p>	<p>Customized, on-site training option for partner organization. Can be conducted as 2 hour blended information/training session or separate information session and training session.</p> <p>Training Manual and resources provided</p> <p>Ongoing support and training provided by campus coordinators who are the post-secondary counselors at each high school.</p>	<p>There is immediate need for volunteers at all high schools. Additionally, new cadres of 11th grade students and volunteers will be recruited in Spring 2011. Many partners sponsor a banquet or other event to bring students, volunteers and family together at least once annually.</p> <p>Each partner identifies one individual to serve as the volunteer coordinator. Volunteer Coordinator serves as conduit for communications and program support.</p>	<p>Collegiate Challenge Program Website and Recruitment Video</p> <p>Texas High School Project Website</p>	<p>Becky Wuerth, Mentor Coordinator 713.251.2401</p> <p>or</p> <p>Monica Creixell, Mentor Coordinator 713-251-2435</p>

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Library Volunteers

Could you see yourself working with students (grades K-12) and faculty? Do you like books and technology? We have the perfect match for you! Our volunteers will work flexible schedules in the comfort of our beautiful Library Learning Commons.

Students Served	Time Commitment	Training	Responsibilities	Resources	Contact
All levels.	Time commitment varies based on collaborating partner capacity.	Training to understand SBISD Library policies and procedures, as well as necessary technology, is provided by SBISD.	Library Volunteers help students and faculty navigate library resources. Whether on an individual or whole-class level, volunteers support the needs of library visitors to ensure they are connected to the proper resources.	SBISD Library Resource website.	JoAnn Conlon Director of Innovative Media and Resource Systems 713-251-2021

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SpringBoard mentors are caring adults who spend 30-45 minutes weekly meeting with a student mentee and serve as role models, advocates and friends. SpringBoard is the winner of the National Civic Star Award, the Texas Association of Partners in Education Mentor Program Award, and the GEAR UP Model Program award. More than 500 volunteers participate annually. Established 2002, the program is provided on 30 SBISD campuses with hundreds of students on waiting lists.

Students Served	Time Commitment	Training	Responsibilities	Resources	Contact
<p>All levels.</p> <p>Targeted students are those “on the brink of success.”</p>	<p>Ongoing, mentors can begin service at any time from August – April.</p> <p>Volunteers meet weekly during the school day with their students for 30-45 minutes.</p> <p>Day of week and time of day are flexible</p> <p>Email utilized when volunteer cannot visit.</p> <p>One-school year commitment.</p>	<p>On-site Lunch & Learn training option for partner conducted as either 1.5 hour blended information/ training session or separate information and training sessions. Alternately, volunteers can attend SBISD regularly scheduled trainings.</p> <p>Optional Mentor U events are hosted several times annually for all mentors on topics of interest such as teens and media, communications, culture of poverty, etc.</p> <p>Training manual and materials provided.</p>	<p>Each partner identifies one individual to serve as the volunteer coordinator. Volunteer Coordinator serves as conduit for communications and organizational support for training, information sessions and special programming. Many partners sponsor a banquet, social or other event to bring students, volunteers and family together at least once annually.</p>	<p>SBISD Mentor Program Website</p> <p>Mentor Program Recruitment Video</p> <p>SBISD GEAR UP Website and Video</p> <p>SBISD /La Grange, TX mentoring video</p> <p>District Training Dates</p>	<p>Becky Wuerth, Mentor Coordinator 713.251.2401</p> <p>or</p> <p>Monica Creixell, Mentor Coordinator 713-251-2435</p>

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Stratford Academy of Science and Engineering

Four years ago, Stratford High School introduced its Academy of Science and Engineering, a targeted program designed to encourage students to excel in and gain a passion for the study of science, technology, engineering and math. Students apply during their sophomore years for admission to the selective program, which serves 30-40 students annually. During the junior year, students take two Advanced Placement Science Courses, and must participate in science-related volunteer service. During the senior year, students conduct independent study and write an independent research paper and continue advanced courses and volunteer efforts.

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11 th and 12 th graders	Time Commitment varies based on partner capacity and program need.	Depending on partner involvement, training may be provided by Stratford Academy Campus Coordinator.	Volunteers provide real-world experiences, field trips and connections to experts across Houston enhance the program.	Stratford High School website.	Davy Barrett , Campus Coordinator