

How Can I Get Involved?

Community Involvement Opportunities for Smart, Safe Schools:

Career Pathways

Students will start exploring career choices through the Career Pathways initiative. This career-development program, encompassing pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, includes curricular, extra-curricular, and service-learning experiences. Each career pathway will provide students with a plan and the skills to enter a career. Planning their careers will help students increase income power, skill levels and improve opportunities for success after graduation. Here are some ways you can help implement the program:

- Participate on Career Pathways Subcommittees
- Provide speakers for Career Pathways Assemblies
- Provide Loaned Executive to serve as Career Pathways Director
- Provide Summer Internships for Teachers
- Provide Future Sites for Mentorships and Internships

Dropout Prevention and Recovery

NNPS is developing a comprehensive approach to recovering our dropouts by working to reduce the risk factors for students, increasing the value of educational experience for students and building programs to bring adults back in to finish school. These efforts will help pave the way to a better future – for them and for our community. Here are some ways you can help with this effort:

- Participate in Dropout Summit (February time frame)
- Provide Space for Drop-Back-In centers (GED training, homework facilities, computer access)
- Provide Equipment & Materials for Drop-Back-In centers
- Provide Incentives to Help Support Drop-Back-In Students
- Provide Career Preparation/Interviewing Opportunities for Returning Dropouts
- Provide Opportunities for NNPS Staff to Publicize Programs

*If you are ready to get involved, please contact
the Superintendent's Office at 591-4502*

More Ways To Be Involved:

- As a parent, neighbor, friend or business owner, you can help students make the transition to the world of work easier by sharing information about your business or career.
- Discuss with young people the experiences and education that led to your career choice.
- Give specific examples of how the skills students learn in school — math, writing, or others — are used in your job.
- Bring an interested young person to your work site for a tour.
- Let students know the importance of managing time wisely and how that skill will help them in the work world.
- Ask young people what their interests are and what they are doing to pursue them.
- Talk about how setting personal and career goals will help them make better choices about further education or training.
- Consider offering internship or apprentice opportunities at your business.
- Suggest to your professional organization that it offer a student scholarship or stipend.
- Visit classrooms to talk about careers.
- Provide a classroom demonstration.
- Participate in Career Day.
- Sponsor field trips.
- Invite classes to visit job sites.
- Provide job shadowing experiences.
- Tutor students in reading and math.
- Donate instructional materials.
- Provide release time for employees to visit schools.
- Encourage parental involvement in school activities.
- Establish grants for teachers to create special projects.
- Participate in physical fitness training.
- Construct an outdoor learning environment.