



**At APS, we are committed to supporting student learning, ensuring the safety of our students, and building relationships.**

## ABOUT US

Welcome to the Arlington Public Schools (APS) Volunteer and Partnership Program. We greatly appreciate your interest in supporting student learning by volunteering and/or partnering with us. We currently serve more than 26,000 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 at 37 schools and programs. Our volunteers and partnerships are essential to enriching our students' academic experiences and providing personal and professional support.

Whether you are a professional looking to share your time or talent, a community member wanting to give back, or a parent looking to support your child's school, we are thankful for your interest in helping our students achieve their full potential.

Please contact your school's Volunteer & Partner Liaison, or Dawn Smith at 703-228-2581 or [dawn.smith@apsva.us](mailto:dawn.smith@apsva.us) to learn more about volunteering or partnering with Arlington Public Schools.



## PARTNERSHIPS

Our partnership program brings businesses and professional people into schools to work directly with students, teachers, and administrators on projects targeted at improving student achievement. Along with benefitting students, partnerships can fulfill partners' organizational goals, and can bring goodwill and prestige to participating organizations. Currently, more than 600 organizations partner with our schools.

**Our partner categories include:**

**Resource Partners** – provide learning opportunities for the instructional program. They can also provide space, gift certificates, incentive prizes, financial or in-kind donations, etc.

**Service Partners** – interact directly with students. They provide mentors, tutors, guest speakers, workshops, internships and/or job shadowing opportunities.

**Strategic Partners** – provide services to our instructional programs or resources to support learning. In addition, these partners have taken an extra step to ensure the life of the partnership by signing a written agreement.

**Together with APS, we're empowering Arlington's future, which makes it an invaluable partnership.**

**-Ashley Emerson,  
Arlington Community Federal Credit Union**



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## JOIN US

To become a volunteer:

1. Fill out the volunteer application.  
available at: [www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships](http://www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships)
2. Submit an application to the school's Volunteer and Partnership (V&P) Liaison where you would like to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering but need assistance finding a school to serve, please contact Dawn Smith at: [dawn.smith@apsva.us](mailto:dawn.smith@apsva.us)

Once your application has been submitted to the V&P Liaison, a background check will be performed and you will be contacted directly when this is complete.

Before volunteering you need to sign a Confidentiality Agreement and complete the Safe Schools Training online. Finally, volunteer orientation will be conducted by the Volunteer and Partnership Liaison at the school where you requested to volunteer.

*As a lifelong resident of Arlington and a volunteer at Drew, I get to share my love for Arlington's rich history, while giving back to the Nauck community.*

-Joan M. Henry, Volunteer



**VOLUNTEERING:  
HOW HELPING OTHERS HELPS YOU**  
*Our volunteers and partners range from middle schoolers to senior adults. They are tutors, mentors, and classroom helpers; community members, parents, and grandparents. This could be you!*

To see what our volunteers and partners are doing in APS schools, follow us on Twitter @VPLiaison. Each month we publish a newsletter and produce a video, "Partners in Action," about our volunteers and partners, to showcase their outstanding contributions to the success of our students and staff.

For more information, please visit: [www.apsva.us/volunteers](http://www.apsva.us/volunteers)

**PARTNERS**  
in  
**ACTION**



**How You Can Make a  
Difference in  
Arlington Public Schools**

**Volunteers and  
Partnerships**