



# WAYS YOUR MINISTRY CAN PARTNER WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Use this list of ideas to have a conversation with your local schools about how your ministry can partner with and support them. Always ask where the school might have needs first, and use this list as suggestions if needed. Also, remember [these 5 tips](#) for partnering with your local schools!

## Ideas for meeting student needs:

- Reading Buddies (reading once a week for 30 minutes with a student throughout the year)
- Mentoring or serving as a “Lunch Buddy” weekly or monthly
- Food on the weekends for the food insecure
- Snacks and healthy food for the school “pantry”
- School supplies drive
- Clothes to be kept in the office in case of accidents
- Personal hygiene items
- Shoes and warm clothing

## Ideas for encouraging teachers:

- Write personal notes of encouragement.
- Volunteer in the classroom, organizing materials, etc.
- Provide snacks and a note in the teacher workroom.
- Purchase classroom supplies for teachers and/or students.
- Provide breakfast or lunch; serve teachers and make intentional connections.
- Support first-year teachers with classroom help, supplies, and consistent encouragement.
- Church members can “adopt” a teacher and provide ongoing support throughout the year. (Put names on an “angel tree.”)
- Volunteer in the front office, guidance counselor’s office, or library.
- Help with bulletin boards, Fun Run, Field Day, reading incentives, or family engagement nights.
- Offer the use of your building for special events.