

Suggested SBISD Good Neighbor Activities

“Students, parents and the Community will be active partners in students’ education”
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Spring Branch ISD welcomes you as a partner, asset builder and Good Neighbor promoting community engagement in our schools, civic pride and success for our students. We have compiled some suggestions as starting points for planning your Good Neighbor activities. Of course, the activities you can do to earn the Good Neighbor Designation are limited only by your imagination!

Should you develop activities that are not on this list, please check with your SBISD partner campus(es) or department, or the Good Neighbor Committee (goodneighbor@springbranchisd.com) to be sure they qualify for the Good Neighbor designation!

Some Ways to be an SBISD Good Neighbor:

For Students:

- Sponsor or participate in a mentor or tutor program at an SBISD campus or at your site
- Participate in Junior Achievement, Texas Scholars or other school-based volunteer programs
- Provide reading buddies or volunteers for Read Aloud programs
- Sponsor Community Service or Service Learning Project
- Host academic contests
- Attend and participate in school-related functions
- Display student artwork
- Provide classroom speakers
- Participate in career fairs, or judge a student competition
- Provide scholarships to SBISD students
- Offer student recognition programs incentives and awards for achievement, good attendance, or improvement (such as scholarships, summer employment, tickets to a local event, books)
- Support teams, art & theater programs through sponsorships, coaching, or in kind support
- Hold school supply, uniform or book drives
- Sponsor extracurricular activities such as computer/math clubs, science clubs, etc
- Support field trips for SBISD students to experience post-secondary settings
- Provide dual credit or other articulated programs such as early college
- Provide school-based or authentic experiences for students to explore careers and/or understand the relevance of their learning
- Provide access to campus fine arts performances for SBISD students
- Provide opportunities for “job shadowing,” internships, or vocational or job training
- Open labs to SBISD students to explore new technologies and research
- Host work site field trip
- Conduct skills of daily living seminars to teach students etiquette, business, or other skills they will need for real world success
- Provide summer programs for students

For Schools:

- Adopt a School, a Classroom, or a Department
- Provide resources to support campus or student needs
- Supply materials and/or financial support for student, school or district initiatives or activities
- Donate out of date materials (stationary, pens, pencils, notebooks, rulers, etc)
- Provide space for school trainings, meetings, or events
- Support an elective class
- Provide chaperones for school field trips
- Display school calendars, theatre and sports events, report card pick-up dates, testing schedules, reading lists, etc in the community office, neighborhood community center, or in newsletters and publications
- Donate used furniture
- Develop and maintain communications links with SBISD and our campuses
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For Teachers:

- Provide educator staff development
- Provide training for technology, or other areas of expertise
- Sponsor an educator to attend a conference, seminar or professional meeting
- Host teacher externship
- Host teacher appreciation event

For Parents and Families:

- Provide interpreters for parent/teacher conferences
- Sponsor extended library hours or family learning opportunities
- Provide social support services that benefit families or students
- Provide educational programs that benefit families or students
- Host parent information and education programming opportunities
- Provide technology lab for students and families to have access to computers and the internet
- Provide programs that promote higher education for students and parents
- Provide financial aid seminar for parents

For the District/Community:

- Assist in the development of district curriculum
- Donations to Spring Branch Education Foundation
- Include information about SBISD and Spring Branch Education Foundation events, volunteer opportunities or other information in corporate communications
- Participate on district committees, advisory boards
- “Lend an Expert” to serve in advisory role for SBISD management
- Partner for grant opportunities
- Make connections to new partners
- Participate in SBISD –hosted Community Action Network
- Collaborate with SBISD and/or campus to remove barriers to learning
- Host a neighborhood clean up to enable students to earn community service hours
- Partner for grant opportunities
- Participate in panel discussions on topics pertinent to community and education

For Your Employees/Community Members/Residents

- Provide release time for employees to volunteer in SBISD schools

- Host a training in the Developmental Assets
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- Host district personnel as special event speakers at your setting
- Host “Meet the principal” meetings
- Engage students in civic events
- Provide neighborhood crime watch program/On-site apartment security, student and/or parent educational programming or after school programming
- Provide resident incentive for students’ academic achievement
- Develop, maintain and log regular communication between neighborhood/community leaders/managers/owners and local schools
- Maintain visible, stated zero tolerance policy for criminal, gang or graffiti activity on your property or in your neighborhood
- Maintain rental policy that prohibits rentals to known felons