



2021-2022 Partner School Application Principal Authorization Form

In order to be considered as a Partner School in the upcoming school year, this Principal Authorization Form must be reviewed, signed, and uploaded in the Partner School Application or emailed to Jane McCarty at Jane@TheEducationPartnership.org.

I, _____, _____
(full name) *(title)*

acknowledge and support my school's application to be a Partner School for the 2021-2022 school year. Additionally:

- I certify that the information provided in the 2021-2022 Partner School Application is true and correct.
- I grant permission to use our school's name in press releases and public service announcements in relation to program participation as well as program participation data.
- I understand that supplies received through the Teacher Resource Center are expected to be used by the staff and students at our school; that supplies may not be returned, exchanged, sold, or bartered; and that partner school staff are responsible for selecting products appropriate for our students.

School Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____



Program Overview

Application and Selection

Applications open **Monday, March 1, 2021** and are due to be submitted by **Monday, March 29, 2021**. School administrators or staff from eligible schools must complete the application, which includes a signed Principal Authorization Form. *NOTE:* Schools with more than one location must complete a separate application for each location.

After evaluating submitted applications, an independent selection committee makes partner school recommendations. The Education Partnership will announce partner schools in **early May of 2021**. A school's need, engagement in or enthusiasm for the program, and potential for impact are all considered.

Our Programs

Our Partner Schools have access to all three of our programs. For a full overview of each program, please visit our website: <https://theeducationpartnership.org/programs/>.

- The **Teacher Resource Center** is our foundational program. Partner school staff are invited to the Teacher Resource Center twice a year to receive an allotment of core school supplies as well as extra classroom materials (based on availability).
- The **STEAM Lending Library** is our newest program. Partner school staff are able to borrow classroom kits of ready-to-use, hands-on resources for teaching engaging STEAM lessons. We have resources for every grade level, and we are adding more all the time.
- Our **Adopt-A-School** program connects local businesses and organizations with our partner schools. The sponsors provide the funds to supply each student at their chosen partner school with a Power Tools Homework Kit full of brand-new school supplies.



Our Partnership

Our relationship with our partner schools is truly a partnership. We couldn't do what we do without continued engagement with the staff at our schools.

The Education Partnership provides:	Partner Schools provide:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School and classroom supplies at no cost to all partner school staff ● Two opportunities per year for partner school staff to receive an allotment of core school supplies as well as extra classroom materials (based on availability) at our Teacher Resource Center ● An online registration portal for partner school staff to make shopping appointments ● Access to classroom resources through the STEAM Lending Library ● A supportive TEP staff that is dedicated to providing partner schools with the best services possible! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two members for our Educator Advisory Council (EAC), who serve as critical liaisons between TEP and their school ● Encouragement to their school to take advantage of the resources available at TEP* ● Valuable improvement feedback to TEP through our shopping and impact surveys ● Student-made thank you notes for TEP to share with sponsors/donors ● Stories, testimonials, photos, videos, etc. of the impact of received school supplies

*Our expectation is that **at least 60%** of partner school staff at each Partner School will come to our Teacher Resource Center each session.



FAQs

What supplies do partner school staff receive from the Teacher Resource Center?

Partner school staff are invited to our Teacher Resource Center once during each of our two shopping sessions (July-October and November-March). Each partner school staff member is guaranteed an allotment of core school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, filler paper, crayons, etc.), and because of the generous donations we receive from the community, we also offer extra classroom supplies—like toys, clothing, cleaning supplies, furniture, etc.—that vary based on availability.

Each time a partner “shops” at our Center, we estimate that they leave with approximately \$500 worth of free supplies!

What do Educator Advisory Council (EAC) members do?

All schools in our program are required to designate two members to our Educator Advisory Council (EAC). EAC members are liaisons responsible for conveying critical information to and from The Education Partnership and their school.

Who can come shop?

New for the 2021-2022 school year, we are opening participation in the Teacher Resource Center to any partner school staff member. Administrators will no longer need to designate “enrolled educators” from their schools, and there will not be a limit on the number of participants from a school. Any staff member who appears on a partner school’s official roster of employees is eligible to visit the Teacher Resource Center for supplies once per session (July-October, November-March).

What else can partner schools do to support the partnership?

We couldn’t do what we do without the engagement of partner schools! There are lots of ways to support our partnership and help us provide more and better services to you.

We invite partner school staff to volunteer with us by fundraising, participating in the annual Highmark Walk, joining our [Honor Roll](#), helping sort supplies, staffing the Teacher Resource Center... the opportunities to support our partnership are endless!

Contact Kiki@TheEducationPartnership.org or Brad@TheEducationPartnership.org to discuss opportunities for involvement.