



## Serve Austin Schools

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### Help Move the Meter Past 1,000



We're off to a great start with more than 600 volunteers already selecting their date and location. This year our goal is to fill all classrooms requesting volunteers by recruiting 1,000 Coaches. Please help. Volunteer and then forward this email to your friends and colleagues and ask them to join you.

### Volunteer Spotlight



After almost a decade working with people with dementia and their families, **Ladonna Eisenbaum** decided to try something on the other end of the service spectrum. "I wanted to go from end-of-life service to something closer to the beginning. That's when I

### It's Time - Please Volunteer for This School Year!

With just one hour a week, you can help students improve their academic performance, increase the chances that they will complete high school ready for graduation, and provide them with a solid foundation for their future success.

**Volunteering with Austin Partners in Education is easy.**

**This year we need 1,000 Coaches - up from 850 last year!**  
[Follow this link to our Volunteer Center and make your selection.](#)

We offer Classroom Coaching opportunities in Elementary School Reading, and Middle School Reading and Math. Coaches choose the day, time and location that best suit their schedule, and then meet at the same time and place weekly for 45 minutes. During coaching sessions, the whole class is divided into small groups of 1 – 3 students with each coach working with the same group throughout the school year.

This proven model allows tutors and students to develop positive, meaningful relationships that enrich both the student and volunteer experience.

**As a classroom coach you will:**

- **Provide consistent, positive support** as a mentor/tutor for 2-3 elementary or middle school students in reading or math
- **Apply interactive learning tools** to engage students in building critical thinking skills
- **Support teachers and students** by providing differentiated, individualized instruction
- **Build a strong foundation** for academic success, reducing drop-out risk
- **Model cooperative behavior** to strengthen individual and group skills
- **Show students you care** about their academic success
- **Celebrate** student successes
- **Experience the reward** of knowing you helped another person

[\*\*Volunteer Now.\*\*](#)

started volunteering as a Classroom Coach," she recalls. "If you teach children to read it benefits them not only in school, but through their entire lives." A second-year Reading Coach, Ladonna describes herself as a retired stay-at-home mom. "I would definitely recommend coaching to retirees. Volunteering is an inexpensive outlet for your creativity and a great way to be productive." [Read more.](#)

## Donor Spotlight: Intel Foundation



### Empowering the Next Generation of Innovators

With the goal of advancing education and improving communities worldwide, Intel Foundation funds more than 200 education initiatives in 60 countries. Historically one of APIE's largest private donors, Intel focuses on programs that increase interest and success in math and science education. Their APIE funding supports Classroom Coaching programs boosting student academic and numerical fluency in middle schools from under-resourced communities.

Intel Foundation's programming includes the Intel Learn Program, which focuses on ensuring girls are actively involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), and The Intel Science Talent Search - the world's largest

## Which of these is your reason for Volunteering in Public Schools?

- You care about the community in which you and your family live.
- You see this as part of your faith-based call to service.
- You think it makes sense to support our investment in local school districts.
- You like meeting new friends and valuable contacts as you volunteer with the same group of caring adults each week.
- You remember those who helped you, and you want to pay it forward.
- You like to know you helped another person.
- You believe investing time and energy in these students today will help break the cycle of poverty and create a more educated workforce for the future.



Whatever your reason, please volunteer now and Serve Austin Schools. Follow the two easy steps below to help this year.

## How To Register

### STEP 1.

Select the classroom coaching program that works for you:

- **Elementary School Reading** Classroom Coaching (choose from 2nd grade - English or Spanish), or
- **Middle School Reading** Classroom Coaching (6th, 7th grade). Help students become stronger readers while promoting a love of reading.
- **Math Classroom Coaching** (6th, 8th grade) - Bring relevance and develop student confidence through interactive problem-solving.
- **Step-Up Math or Reading** (6th, 8th grade) - Provide students the additional assistance they need to step up their game in math or reading.

### STEP 2. Register Online - It's Easy

1. **Search by program, date and location** to find the opportunity that works best for you.

high school science research competition.

[Learn more about Intel.](#)

## Guadalupe Goes to LASA

In the role of Classroom Coach, volunteers not only work on the academic skills for their students, they also build important relationships over the course of the year. Thanks to funders like Intel Foundation, APIE is able to offer Math Classroom Coaching to Martin Middle School where a young girl named Guadalupe had the benefit of the tutor-mentor relationship. [Read her story here.](#)

## Give as you Get



Shop online and a portion of your proceeds benefits APIE programs.

We are now officially on the [Give as you Get website](#). So, next time you are purchasing something online from one of more than 40 vendors (including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Groupon, iTunes), you can go to this site, select Austin Partners in Education as your organization,

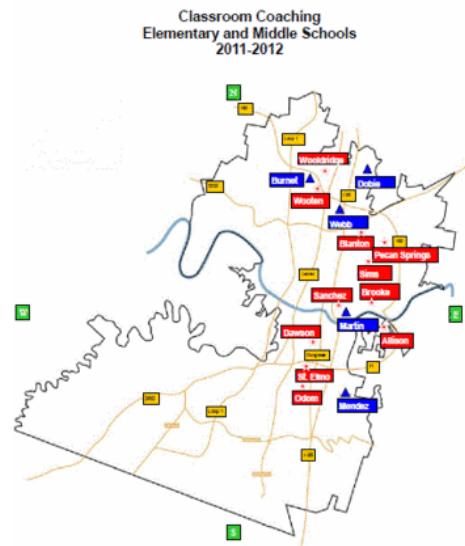
2. **Select your choice and complete the steps** that follow to register. We will contact you shortly and invite you to a volunteer training.



With questions, or to sign up over the phone, please call us at **(512) 637-0900**. Please choose to make a positive difference in the life of a child. We look forward to helping you get started!

## Schools are Located Throughout Austin

If you expressed interest by pre-registering, it's time to make your selection for this year. We've upgraded our Volunteer Center for you. You can search by location, subject, time or day. Blue names are Elementary Schools and red are Middle Schools.



## City of Austin Calls for Volunteers to Support APIE Programs

To recruit the required 1,000 volunteers, APIE has joined with the City of Austin to launch the Serve Austin Schools campaign. The City, Austin's largest source of school volunteers, has made education a key focus area in its community-wide Serve Austin volunteerism plan, with Mayor Lee Leffingwell issuing a call for community support.



click on the vendor and it will take you directly to their website. You will not be paying more for your purchase, the donation comes from the vendor to Give as you Get and then to us. If you have more questions, check out their FAQs.

You can also donate directly to APIE via [our website](#).

### School Connections



#### Build a Backpack

The end of a long hot summer was capped with some heart-warming generosity from the City of Austin. APIE helped facilitate this year's spectacular City of Austin Employees Build a Backpack and School Supplies Drive, culminating in 538 backpacks and hundreds of pounds of school supplies. The backpacks allow more than 500 economically disadvantaged students to get a good start on the school year, equipped with necessary school supplies. The backpacks and supplies are donated to 13 elementary schools, 5 middle schools and 4 high schools. Since the 2005-2006 academic year, City employees have generously donated more than 2,600 backpacks to Austin students.

#### Santa Rita's School Supply Drive

Santa Rita's Cantina owner

## College Readiness Introduces New Model



In collaboration with the **Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce**, APIE has been providing College Readiness Programs to Austin ISD high schools since 2005. This year we are implementing a new strategic model using a case management approach within the APIE Rising Scholars Program.

#### All Campuses:

College Readiness staff will still advise 2,200 non-college ready seniors and their families of the Texas Success Initiative College Readiness Standards and the importance of entering college prepared to take transcript-credit level courses.

#### Seven Pilot Campuses:

- APIE will target recruitment to 295 Tier I and Tier II students (see chart) for deep intervention using a case manager approach with monitoring and tracking for outreach and attendance
- Students receive weekly small group tutoring tailored to their requirements
- Tutoring moves to a daily Power Lunch three weeks prior to test administration
- Student assignment and test results are tracked for individual level data exchange and program evaluation
- Students who fall below the threshold for admission into the Rising Scholars program, will receive college readiness advising as described above, and may opt into the deep intervention program as space allows

Tier	2011-2012 APIE Scholars
Tier 1 Math = 2200 (college ready) ELA = 2200 + ESSAY 2 points (not college ready)	180 program scholars
Tier 2 MATH = 2150-2199 (not college ready) ELA = 2200 (college ready) + ESSAY = 3	115 program scholars

Eddie Bernal teamed with event planner Michele Golden and made APIE the recipient of school supplies they gathered as 'cover charges' to big fun parties the week before school. Thanks to Eddie and Michele we were able to bring tubs of new notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, crayons and more to Fulmore Middle School and Joslin Elementary.

## Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events –

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

[Register now](#) to volunteer and we'll send you the schedule for your program specific volunteer training. The two hour interactive and informative sessions happen in September and early October.

### DISABILITY MENTORING DAY CONFERENCE CALL SERIES

We have received the schedule for this year's DMD Conference Calls Series. These calls are designed to foster best practice sharing among coordinators and other supporters of the DMD program. For schedules, topics and access codes [follow this link](#).

## Stay Connected

### Volunteers on YouTube

We've uploaded lots of new videos to our [YouTube Channel](#) sharing the volunteer experience. Get to know these great volunteers and hear their stories. Feel free to send us your own story about volunteering with APIE by emailing [apie@austinpartners.org](mailto:apie@austinpartners.org)



### Like us for the Latest!

Go to our [Facebook page](#) and click the LIKE button. You'll see our postings about upcoming events, grants, new program development, and our call for community assistance.

### Program Director Pat Abram Blogs "Most Mondays"

Have you been to [our blog](#) lately? Our program director Pat Abrams has been offering insights and observations about learning outcomes, best practices, and what we can do as Classroom Coaches to improve our students' performance. Stop in weekly.

### Network with Caring Adults

[Join the group](#) Austin Partners in Education from your Linked In profile and network with a group of intelligent, caring adults who want the best for their community.

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