

PARTNERSHIPS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Duke forges partnerships in education by investing in schools and neighborhoods surrounding the university, as well as providing funding and programming for students, teachers, and parents.

Schools and neighborhoods in Durham have changed significantly since Duke's early work in education. Duke-Durham Education and Workforce Collaborations continue to partner with local schools to create a continuum of support for education in Durham.

Below are examples of initiatives from across Duke. We will continue to explore new opportunities for all children in Durham.



Examples of Duke Education Partnerships



Student Readiness and Achievement

Duke partners to improve student readiness and achievement. The **Stepping Stones** summer program helps rising kindergarteners transition to school in three Durham elementary schools. Duke students provide thousands of tutoring hours to area schools. For example, **America Reads, America Counts** provides 120 trained part-time tutors serving more than 1,000 K-5 students. The **Program in Education's Partners for Success** tutoring program and groups like **The Girls Club**, match undergraduates with students in **Durham Public Schools**. **Duke Service Learning** links college classroom learning with service to community. The **John Hope Franklin Young Scholars** program provides enrichment for high-potential middle-schoolers, especially minority students. For 20 years, Duke has hosted the **School Days** college tour program for 300 first-generation middle school students in Durham. Through **PepsiCo Educational Technology**, Duke collaborates with area teachers to integrate technology into school curriculums. Duke's professional schools like **Pratt School of Engineering** and **The Nicholas School of the Environment** provide STEM programming at schools. Multiple Duke departments offer academic and enrichment **summer camp** opportunities for students K-12.



Partnerships with Schools

Historically, the **Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership (DDNP)** has collaborated with 12 Durham neighborhoods to improve education through school programs, infrastructure, and consultation. Duke students, faculty and staff provide research assistance to schools and organizations throughout the university's 10 professional schools, like **School Research Partnership at Sanford School of Public Policy**.



Teacher Training and Retention

Duke's **Program in Education** provides teacher preparation programs through its Minor in Education, licensure programs and a **Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)**. Field placement in local schools are a requirement of these programs. To further strengthen teacher excellence, **Duke Teach House** is a living and learning community for graduates of the Duke teacher preparation programs. Duke is a key supporter of the **DPS Foundation** as they seek to improve teacher retention.



Family & Community Engagement

Duke supports youth development and after school enrichment programs. It launched **Partners for Youth Opportunity** in 1998 to provide Durham youth with mentoring, employment and educational support. Likewise, Duke was an early supporter of the **East Durham Children's Initiative** and helped seed **Student U** and support the **Emily K Center**. Partnership continues with **ENLACES**, a grant-based program to support Latinx middle school students and families in two schools. **Duke College Advising Corps** trains recent Duke alums to serve as full-time college access counselors in 16 Central North Carolina high schools. Annually, they help nearly 3,000 underserved and first-generation high school students apply to college and other post-secondary educational opportunities.