

# Building Successful Partnerships

## What our Partners are Saying...

“I feel one of the biggest stumbling blocks to students in our district is that they are unaware of how many opportunities there are for them. (Coast Guard participants) really seemed to open their eyes and give many of them a glimpse into what is possible if they just set goals and work hard at achieving those goals.” - Mrs. Shaw, teacher from Mojave XP Academy

“Our students are learning compassion, empathy, helping others, developing their potential, and what it means to serve and protect others. They are learning what it means to ‘give of yourself to others’ directly from the Coast Guard’s service and involvement in our school.” - Victoria Zelnak, Superintendent of Cape May City Elementary School

“Evidence of the success of the program has been witnessed in a variety of ways. The spring scores on Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests reflect... significant gains. In addition, the self confidence and motivation levels of the participating students also increased. Teachers recognized improved study skills and long term goal setting initiated by the children.” - Jacquelyn Stafford and Kathy Wilkins, teachers at Mustang Elementary School



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United States Coast Guard members throughout the country volunteer in their local communities as partners in education. For over twenty years, the Coast Guard has supported programs at all levels of education which promote traditional values, personal initiative, responsibility, individual self-worth, and scholarship. Coast Guard members are eager to promote excellence in education and help their communities, especially those with large, underserved populations, through committed collaborations with local school systems, community groups, and businesses.

Coast Guard Partnership in Education volunteers work with educators to establish relationships that effectively support academic goals and enhance education opportunities. This is not a one size fits all model; we listen to educators and develop programs with students in mind.



*Students participate in hands-on demonstrations and learn about a multitude of career opportunities through Coast Guard Partnership in Education Programs.*



*In conjunction with the Coast Guard Partnership in Education Program, students are invited aboard cutters to experience real world applications of math and science.*

### Why Partners in Education? Who benefits?

- Students gain an understanding of the wide range of occupational opportunities available to them
- Partnerships enhance resources available to schools, teachers, parents, and students
- School-Coast Guard collaborations prepare students to make significant contributions to the communities in which they live

### What can you do to build and maintain a successful partnership?

- Reach out to a CGPIE Coordinator to identify how to begin and sustain an effective partnership
- Establish procedures for administering, monitoring and evaluating the partnership
- Keep school staff, students, parents, and community members informed about how the partnership improves the quality of education
- Focus all efforts on students' educational needs
- Foster an environment in which both your school and the Coast Guard enjoy mutual benefits as a result of working together

### When is the right time to form a partnership?

- When the school staff would like additional support or volunteers to help them meet their goals and objectives
- If you feel that your students would benefit from the many services that our volunteers can provide

### Typical Partnerships Include:

- Mentoring and tutorial programs
- Classroom presentation
- Assistance with instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
- Opportunities for job shadowing experience
- Tours of Coast Guard equipment and units
- Leadership training for students
- Coordination of before and after school clubs
- Teacher workshops at a Coast Guard sector
- Volunteers who will serve as advisory committee members for special programs

### Teachers: Looking for Educational Activities?

#### Guidebook and Online Resources

Crewmates & Classmates is an educational program designed for elementary and middle school students. Teachers receive a guidebook that provides maritime-related activities to enhance instruction in science, math, reading, writing, and history. To obtain a copy of the Crewmates and Classmates guidebook visit [www.uscg.mil/PIE-resources](http://www.uscg.mil/PIE-resources).

The Sea Partners Campaign is the Coast Guard's marine environmental protection outreach and education program. Classroom activity books, coloring books featuring various sea life, DVDs, and a variety of other educational materials are available for use in the classroom. To learn more about the Sea Partners program and access these materials, visit [www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/SP/index.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/SP/index.asp).

### Beyond the Classroom

CG Bear, a small stuffed bear outfitted in a Coast Guard uniform, is a surrogate class member who travels aboard a cutter or around a unit. Coast Guard volunteers adopt a class and introduce students to their classmate, CG Bear. Students "communicate" with CG Bear via email to track his journeys and ask questions.

