



Partners in Education (PIE) Platform

Jeffco Public Schools

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Jeffco Public Schools is setting a new standard for community and industry partnerships through the Jeffco Partners in Education (PIE) platform—an innovative partner and volunteer management system developed in collaboration with Relatrix- a Colorado based developer. Designed to support both Family, School, and Community Partnerships and Postsecondary Workforce Readiness, Jeffco PIE is transforming how schools connect with volunteers and external organizations to enhance student success.

Jeffco PIE serves as a central hub for managing school-based volunteering and partnerships districtwide, allowing schools to connect with vetted industry partners, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, community groups, and volunteers. It supports a wide range of engagement opportunities, from career-connected learning experiences like internships and job shadows to community-based support such as resource drives, mentoring, and after-school programming. Schools can easily post, manage, and share their requests to partners and opportunities for volunteers, eliminating the need for manual outreach or spreadsheets. Partners can also post and manage offers for schools to accept. To date, there are over 800 partners in Jeffco PIE. As schools build localized, relationship-driven networks through approaches such as [School Cafes](#), Jeffco PIE provides the structure, tracking, and sustainability to support that work long term.



One of the key features of Jeffco PIE is its integration with the Jeffco Career Links initiative, which provides a comprehensive resource for students, educators, industry partners, and families to access work-based learning opportunities. Through this integration, Jeffco PIE helps bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world career experiences. One of PIE's most powerful features is its built-in communication and outcome tracking tools. Schools and district teams can: send notices, newsletters, and event invitations directly to partners; track when school requests and partner offers are matched; and quantify volunteer hours, in-kind donations, and students or families supported, giving schools real-time insight into partnership impact.

While the platform has proven incredibly valuable, rollout hasn't been without challenges. Some schools initially questioned the need for a centralized system, especially if they already had informal relationships in place. The Division of Family and Community Partnerships and Postsecondary Workforce Readiness teams trained early adopter schools to help staff understand how Jeffco PIE actually reduces the burden of volunteer and partnership management.

For districts across Colorado, Jeffco PIE is a promising, replicable model—a strategic solution for organizing, growing, and sustaining partnerships that support students from kindergarten through career.