



# Faith-Based Initiative

Where our missions intersect, our youth can benefit.

## About the Initiative:

Recognizing the central role faith-based organizations play in the lives of many of their students, parents, faculty and staff, Orange County Public Schools launched a Faith-Based Adopt-A-School Initiative. Adopting a school means putting the resources of our organization and membership at the service of public schools to positively impact student learning.

### **The four basic messages are:**

- ❖ **Stay in school**
- ❖ **Excel at learning**
- ❖ **Celebrate diversity**
- ❖ **Resist peer pressure**

### Ways to Become Involved:

- Be a classroom assistant, mentor or tutor
- Sponsor clubs or artistic activities
- Set up a food/clothing pantry
- Chaperone/fund field trips
- Set up a school beautification project
- Conduct a backpack/school-supply drive
- Help schools welcome new families
- Organize a college fair
- Translate parent outreach materials
- Assist in vocational classes
- Help students learn English
- Share career expertise/hobbies
- Join school committees (SAC, PTA, PTO, PTSO)
- Become a reading buddy
- Share multi-cultural information

### Guidelines:

Everyone connected with this initiative is expected to follow these simple guidelines to ensure approved and appropriate behavior in school:

- Demonstrate strong character traits through examples, without preaching.
- Value the beliefs of all; do not denigrate any other faiths or non-believers.
- All volunteers in schools must be cleared to be on a school campus through the ADDitions School Volunteer application, which includes a background check.

**We invite you to be a part of this initiative today and encourage others in the congregation to do the same.**

**Our adopted school is:**

**Our contact person is:**

**We are planning:**

