



Parent Participation Guide

There are many ways to volunteer and earn parent participation hours at our school! Remember that 10 hours are required per student, as noted in your initial enrollment packet. Parent participation is an important part of school and student enrichment and experience. Please remember to sign in for your hours with Ms. Sabrena or ask your teachers to do so for you.

1. Make personal donations, check our monthly newsletter for our school wish list, start your own supply drive on our behalf, or sign up on SignupGenius to bring in items for events. Every \$50 spent on items is equal to one hour of participation. Remember, it must be on our wish list to count!
2. Check with your child's teacher to see if there are any specific classroom supplies they may need. You can also check with Ms. Liz to see if there are any curriculum or educational projects you can help with from home. Every \$50 spent on items is equal to one hour.
3. Check with your child's teacher to see if there is anything you can come in and do for the classroom, for example, cutting, laminating, making copies, decorating for holidays/seasons, etc.
4. Our storage, curriculum room common area, and kitchen/ vocational areas can always use organizing and tidying up. Confirm with Ms. Sabrena if you'd like to help in any of those areas.
5. Our coaches can always use help with Special Olympics events. Ask your friends/ family/ coworkers to come volunteer with you! Dates for the year will be sent out, so let Ms. Sabrena know if you are interested in volunteering!
6. A master list of special events will also be sent out. We always need parents to help clean up, set up, supervise, and help manage activities at these events. This is a good way to earn a good chunk of hours!
7. Volunteer for specific roles or activities at class/school-wide field trips.
8. We will need parent help for various school activities such as vision screenings, picture days, and help putting up wreaths and trees for Christmas. Emails will be sent out as needed.
9. There is always handy work around the school we need help with, such as paint touch ups, repairs, closet inventory, hanging photos, moving, and putting together furniture.
10. Start your own Giving Tuesday Facebook fundraiser, birthday social media fundraiser, personal fundraiser, participate in our Holiday Gift Gram fundraiser, or join in on our weekend marketing and fundraising events around Jacksonville! This is also a good way to get a bulk amount of parent participation hours. Be sure to ask administration when the next events are!

11. Check with your company to see if they participate in nonprofit fundraising or company matching. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so all donations are 100 percent tax deductible
12. Join our Parent Action Committee and receive credit for monthly meetings, as well as team projects.
13. Share your talents! Do you have a knack for graphic design, grant searching, grant writing, video editing, public speaking, marketing, event planning, accounting, website building, or any other talents that might help the school? Let us know how you can help!

Along with getting in your parent participation, there are many other ways to be involved in helping to elevate our school! Our parents, teachers, and staff are a crucial part of who we are and representing us as a school.

1. Turn in those Coke Bottle Caps! Coke Bottle Caps vary in cents. Check your caps and Coke box clippings for rewards codes. Be sure to drop them off at the front office!
2. Choose Mainspring Academy as your AmazonSmile charity! AmazonSmile works the same as Amazon with your Prime account and regular purchases. Instead of using the Amazon app, download the AmazonSmile app (Android) or bookmark smile.amazon.com on your home screen (iOS) and choose "Mainspring Academy" as your charity of choice!
3. Leave us a review! We would love to hear from you! Your reviews help immensely with potential admissions, especially when prospective parents are deciding where to tour! We have rolling admissions, so we can take new students all year-round! Mainspring Academy is on

***Yelp:** <https://www.yelp.com/biz/mainspring-academy-jacksonville>

***Google:** <https://www.google.com/maps/contrib/116557942623428884043/reviews/@30.2561489,-81.588535,16z/data=!4m3!8m2!3m1!1e1>

***Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MainspringAcademyjax/>

***Great Non-Profits:** <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/mainspring-academy-inc>

***Private School Review:** <https://www.privateschoolreview.com/mainspring-academy-profile>

4. Follow and engage on our social media accounts! Every like, follow, share, comment and repost increases our online engagement statistics and pushes our school on more newsfeeds, thereby attracting more people! We want our community to know about us and how great our school is! Mainspring Academy is on

***Instagram:** <http://www.instagram.com/mainspringacademy>

***Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/MainspringAcademyjax/>

-We have a fun and free Facebook frame you can use too! Just type "Mainspring Academy" to "Add frame" on your profile photo!

5. Utilize your social groups! Friends, family, workplaces/ coworkers, your kids' sports teams, classmates, and other contacts! Get them involved in collecting Coke Bottle Tops, ticket sales, volunteering for Special Olympics, fundraising, and Giving Tuesday! The more helping hands, the better!
6. Keep an eye out for any nonprofits, supply giveaways, nonprofit contests, or grants/funding sources that may be relevant to our school and its unique needs, and send us any links/information for them.
7. Spread the word! Word of mouth will always be one of the best forms of marketing. Mention our events and our school to friends, family and colleagues! Be sure to make referrals as well! Ask the front desk for digital or paper copies of flyers or brochures if you know a good place to share.

We are always grateful for your support and involvement in our school!