

Responsibility of the Business

What are the responsibilities for the business partner?

The host business must provide the appropriate type of space for operating the school. In addition to classroom space, the district may wish to negotiate with the business to supply playground space and equipment and provide maintenance, utilities, and security for the ABC school.

ABC schools shall comply with the constitutional class size requirements. Facilities to house an ABC school must comply with the State Uniform Building Code for Educational Building Construction adopted pursuant to section 1013.37, Florida Statutes, and must meet state and local health, environmental, and safety laws and codes.

The hosting business, at its expense, is responsible for knowing, understanding and assuring all compliances with the State Requirements for Education Facilities (SREF).

Does the business cover the cost for the construction or other upgrades to the facility?

If special facilities such as restroom, dining, recreational, or other areas are required, the district may contribute part of the cost to the construction, remodeling, or renovation for such facilities from capital outlay funds of the district. A multi-year lease for operation of the facility must be agreed upon if the school district contributes to the cost of such construction.

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ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION CAN BE

FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.FIRN.EDU/DOE/FLBPSO/](http://www.firn.edu/doe/flbpsi/)

[NCLBCHOICE/SES/MEMOS0607.HTM#ABC](http://www.firn.edu/doe/flbpsi/nclbchoice/ses/memos0607.htm#abc)



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ABC SCHOOL A Business-Community School



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The Florida Legislature created statutes supporting A Business-Community (ABC) School program to promote business partnerships in education, reduce school and overcrowding throughout the state, and offset the high cost of constructing educational facilities. An ABC school is a public school that offers instruction to students from kindergarten through third grade or any single or multiple grade levels within this range. ABC schools are public schools subject to the same guidelines and regulations as all other public schools including class size requirements.



Information can be accessed at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/arm/class-size.htm>

What does this mean to you as an employer?

- ABC schools may offer instruction from kindergarten through third grade or any single or multiple grade levels within this range.
- In exchange for this private-sector involvement, these schools offer a targeted enrollment designed to serve the children of the owners and employees of the sponsoring companies. If additional capacity remains after children of owners and employees of the host business are admitted, the host business may include other neighboring businesses.



- The District pays for services as it does in any other public school. It pays for books, supplies, and teacher salaries, and it purchases all the equipment, desks, chairs, and tables necessary for the classrooms. Since the school offers no public transportation to facilities, parents are responsible for taking their children to school.
- Employees are more apt to come to work on time with greater regularity when they are responsible for dropping their children off at the school.

- The private business provides the physical space and maintenance for the school at its site, and the public school system provides resources such as instructional support, administrative staff, and curriculum.
- Parents feel an obligation to both their employer and their child to be on time. With schools and work so close to one another, fulfilling this obligation is easier. The school district may also agree to operate or contract for the operation of a before-school and after-school program using the donated facility.



- Since the school is designed to serve students with working parents, the school's policies can address the special needs of these parents. The school can construct special parking spaces outside the school reserved for parents when they come to visit the school.
- Teachers can schedule conferences with the parents around lunch hours of the parents.



- Increased Productivity

- Decreased Absenteeism and Turn-over Rates

- Use of Unoccupied Space

- Children and parents have more time together since they commute together.

- Parents can be involved in classroom due to close proximity.

- Before and after school programs can operate allowing workers to work extra hours without worry.
