

Next Steps — Let's Talk

- We invite your participation as a PEP partner and/or sponsor for one or more PEP events
- Want to know more? Have questions? Want to discuss some innovative ideas for PEP?
- PEP board members are available to talk and answer any questions you might have. We are happy to answer your questions and/or arrange a meeting to discuss further.
- Visit our website, pendereducationpartnership.org.

We believe our collective support for Pender County students, educators, and education processes is more important now than ever before for our shared community and for our businesses

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Today's students are tomorrow's leaders and workforce

Founded in 2015, the Pender Education Partnership mission is to enhance innovative education opportunities for students in Pender County Schools by supporting students and educators through collaboration with educators, parents, businesses, and other interested community partners.

Our shared vision:

The Pender County School students and graduates are FOCUSED, MOTIVATED, and READY for the next steps in their life journey





PEP Funding Areas

Teacher Mini-Grants

These mini-grants support teachers' efforts to explore new technologies, experiments, and projects in their classrooms. They can have significant impact on student learning.

Scholarships

PEP provides scholarships for graduating seniors as they continue their education in the areas of trade certification, community colleges, or four-year institutions of higher learning.

Educator Recognition

PEP believes it is important to recognize educators who go the extra mile to ensure our students receive an outstanding education.

Mini-Grant Recipients report...

"After four months of working with our first and second graders, implementation of this grant resulted in valuable learning experiences. Students learned to use a deliberate design process to generate ideas, test theories, and solve problems; develop, test, and refine prototypes as part of a cyclical design process; and exhibit a tolerance for ambiguity, perseverance, and the capacity to work with open-ended problems."

— **Mary Alice Hudson**

"Our STEM robotics program at Penderlea has grown significantly, to the point where last school year 15 students were trying to work with one LEGO robot. As you can imagine, that was difficult. We were fortunate to apply for and receive a PEP grant which gave us the funds to purchase another LEGO robot. This allows us to offer more hands-on learning opportunities to our students. For that, we are all very grateful." -**Cristy Kessler, Penderlea teacher**

WHAT WE DO

PEP collaborates with community partners including area businesses, civic organizations, and individuals to develop funding and provide innovative learning opportunities for students and teachers.

PEP is a 501(c)3 nonprofit foundation.

PEP PARTNER AND EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Businesses, community organizations and individuals are encouraged to join us. Partners will be noted on the PEP website, PenderEducationPartnership.org, our Facebook page, and in major PEP events.

PEP annual partnership levels:

Diamond, \$10,000 and up

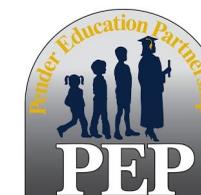
Platinum, \$5,000—\$9,999

Gold, \$1,000—\$4,900

Silver, \$500—\$999

Bronze, \$100-\$499

Friends, \$25—\$99



PEP Event Sponsorships are also available for the Adult Spelling Bee and State of Education and Economy Forum. Sponsorship information will be available prior to events.

It is also possible to designate where your mini-grant partnership contributions are used.

Tribute gifts honoring a person in your life who has made a difference are also available.