



Collaborating with a Lions Quest School

Our most successful Lions Quest implementations bring together the school, home and community ensuring that students are building social and emotional skills in and outside of the classroom. Lions Clubs are able to support student success beyond the classroom in a number of different ways.

Ongoing Support Following the Workshop

Communication is key!

Through conversations with your school's administration your club can learn about different ways to partner with the school and reinforce the skills and values taught in the Lions Quest program. As you have these discussions it's best to consider the following:

- What kind of activities would your members be **able/willing** to participate in?
- Would your club prefer to offer hands-on support or financial support?
- What kind of support would your local school desire most from your members?
- Does your club already participate in service activities which Lions Quest students could benefit from? Eye screenings, youth camps, peace poster contest...etc.

The following are a few areas within our program that are strengthened by community involvement.

- Positive School Climate-** Students learn best when they feel safe, have strong and positive relationships within their school, home and community, and have well maintained and appropriate facilities to learn in. When you visit your local Lions Quest school ask yourself:
 - Are there things my club can do to improve the physical environment of the school? This can be anything from painting hallways to providing posters on topics addressed in Lions Quest such as empathy or respect.
- Bullying Prevention/Drug and Alcohol Prevention-** These topics are specifically addressed within the Lions Quest program and could be one of the reasons your local school chose Lions Quest.
 - Can your club sponsor activities during a drug awareness or bullying prevention week? Would the school be interested in bringing in a speaker related to these topics and is that something the Lions club can sponsor?
- Parent Engagement-** Within the program schools are provided a number of different ways to engage parents in the program. One way in which parents are engaged is through parent meetings which align with the Lions Quest classroom lessons. Lions Quest parents meetings can be stand alone events or wrapped into an existing parent engagement program.
 - If your school chooses to do a parent meeting, how can your club make it a success? Can you provide refreshments, volunteers or perhaps offer babysitting for parents with young children?
- Service Learning-** A typical Lions Quest program ends the year with an entire unit focused on service learning and the planning of a service project but many students participate in service activities throughout the year!
 - How can your club members support student service projects? With a donation or perhaps by volunteering assistance? Inviting students to volunteer at your club's service projects can be rewarding for everyone involved and shows students the importance of giving back to their community.