



Connecting the Church to the Campus

Making a connection between the people in your church, your campus missionaries, and the mission field of the local public schools opens doors for church members to be aware of and involved in campus ministry. It encourages students not only to live for God, but also to share Him with others at school. The following are some ideas for ways to make the church–campus connection.

- Invite a school superintendent, principal, or school board member to briefly share with the church congregation what lies ahead in that school year. Then let that person know the congregation will be praying for him/her.
- Recognize all employees of schools in a special service—administration, teachers, cooks, janitors, etc. Have them stand. If possible, give them a small gift reflecting the opportunity they have to invest in our youth. Have prayer for them.
- Introduce Prayer Zone Partners. (Brochures are available by calling 1.800.641.4310 or by visiting the store at www.yausa.com.) Challenge everyone as they drive through school zones to pray for the administration, teachers, non-Christian students, and Christian students.
- Preach on evangelism, reaching the community, adults pouring their lives into students, and the need for a connection between the generations. Focus on the opportunity to embrace the public school campus as a mission field.
- End by commissioning campus missionaries—students equipped as missionaries to their school. Or have all the students come to the front for prayer. Invite parents, deacons, and others in the church to come up behind them and pray for the students. Pray for God to help them live as Jesus would and to share Jesus with their friends at school.
- Have the *Book of Hope*, the life of Christ chronologically arranged in a student-friendly Scripture format, available for students to take and give to their friends at school. Have special prayer for this outreach opportunity.
- Adopt a school service project. Ask a school in your community what they need to have done. Collect an offering to fund the project, and donate the labor from the congregation. Join with other churches or work through the ministerial alliance to accomplish as much as possible.
- Give families who attend the service school supplies for free. Publicize that you're doing this.
- Have students give one-minute reports on what God is doing at their school or how God is using them at school.
- Have students involved in every area of the service—ushers, music, drama, etc.