# **Reaching Your Schools**

## Grash the Campus Micro School

### **5 Ways Your Church Can Love Your School**





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#### THE SCHOOL NEEDS HELP

Teachers are overwhelmed, students are dealing with the unknown. The need has never been greater but we have the opportunity to bring hope.



#### ENGAGE IT WITH PRAYER

Asking God to bring hope through us, and beyond our actions.



Red = Supporting The School Purple = At Your Church Green = Support Teachers Blue = Support The Students

#### MEET IT WITH

Tutoring // Peer -To-Peer Interaction Micro-Classes // Guardian Angel Home Visits

Internet Access // Outdoor Activity After School Replacement // Child Care

Video Lessons for Teachers Teacher Wish List Cleaning Supplies

Supporting Teachers as "Heroes" Food Provisions // Health Teams





Action Steps



- Tutoring// Open your church up to a limited number of students and provide a tutor to help them with their online schooling. This supports both the students and the overworked teachers.
- Peer-to-Peer Interaction// Help coordinate older and more advanced students supporting other students with their school work. This keeps numbers lower in a location while increasing the support for students who need help.
- Micro classes// Many schools are asking churches to become micro classes so they can spread out the number of students in their class to multiple online locations.
- > Internet Hotspot// Allow your church to be a center for students without wifi to complete school work.
  - Guardian Angel Visits// This idea must partner with the school's guidance counseling department. Identifying at-risk students and coordinating one on one visits.
- After School Activity Replacement// One of the hardest-hit areas in students' routines is the loss of sports and afterschool programs. Creative solutions for students to safely distance but be active helps their sense of normalcy and working parents.
- Child Care// Parents are working and trying to figure out who can supervise their children during school hours. Cost-effective child care is a huge opportunity for outreach.
  - Video Lessons for Teachers// This applies to teachers on an A and B day schedule. They are teaching both in-person and online and may benefit from pre-recorded lessons. If you have quality video equipment, allow them to record and then give them the digital files.
- Teachers' Wish List// Connect with your administration about keeping a wish list for specific items teachers need instead of doing a general school supply drive. Their needs have changed, and targeted help is the most valued by teachers.
- Supporting Teachers as "Heroes"// Teachers battling stress, new procedures, and unknown expectations. They need support, love, and encouragement. Be creative and consistent in showing them that they are the heroes of our communities.
- Cleaning Supplies// One of the most critical areas of need for schools is cleaning supplies. Their budgets are stretched, and cleaning regulations call for more resources than they have budgeted for.
  - **Food Provision**// Coordinate with the food services at your local school to identify what students and families are in need, and specifically what resources are needed to make it happen.
  - > Health Teams// Each school is different. Some need supplies, some help cleaning, and some need volunteers helping with temperature tests at the front door as students enter. Create a health team to meet the need at your school.

For more info contact your Youth Alive Missionary

#### **5 Ways Your Church Can "Love Your School"**

We recognize the Church's desire to impact their community. One of the most accessible ways is the local school. 20% of your community is a part of the local school. They work there or attend every day.

#### 1. Commit to pray for your local schools on a regular basis

Your amazing journey begins with prayer. Pray for the administration, staff, coaches, teachers, families and students.

#### 2. Share the vision to "Love Your School"

Bring others with you on the journey. Share your vision with your church board, your staff, your congregation and potential leaders.

#### 3. Build a bridge

Target schools close to your church. Discover the schools your people attend, work, volunteer and live near. Start a conversation with district leadership, school leadership, counselors and other churches. Create a budget from missions, outreach or benevolence.

#### 4. Build a relationship

Serve your school during holidays and school events. Adopt a teacher or classroom. Take on school projects.

#### 5. Form a partnership

Become a church your schools can count on for after school programs, volunteers, mentoring, tutoring, food programs, service projects and help with fundraisers.

\*All this takes time... Be the hands and feet of Jesus. Share your story and be led by the Holy Spirit.

James Marti Youth Alive Missionary Colorado Springs, Colorado

#### **Micro School**

One of the best things we were able to do was open "micro school." Micro school, or Church School as the kids call it, was a great resource for students. It gave them a place they could come during their online portions of school. We opened our youth room and set it up with social distancing in place and followed all the local health department guidelines. Every student had a table and their own space to work. We provided high-speed internet and wireless printing. They had access to everything they needed. We stocked the fridge with food and drinks providing them with microwave and stuff to cook lunches and all. In our community there are students who don't have lunch unless it's provided by the schools. I was lucky enough to be the adult supervision for the students.

It was great to watch them all working together and sharing their expertise with each other. We had kids that are strong in math helping those who were struggling, English scholars helping science kids and I did my part in science and history. One student was reading "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" as part of their English assignment. Unfortunately, the version they were given to read was missing a lot of the original work and just took parts to make a point about the "fire and brimstone" preaching of the time. We had a great conversation about context and completeness of the writing. Being familiar with Johnathan Edwards sermon and history, I was able to show how the writing was actually more about grace than judgment.

In all we spent some of the best times together in Church School and the students are still wanting to go back to it. I think it was partially because they had each other to lean on and work together through things. They were not alone in their COVID experiences and could share with each other.

Dan Neil True Life Church Cedaredge, Colorado

#### **Crash the Campus**

Crash the Campus was created for students to take a stand on behalf of their peers, gather as a body of believers and saturate our school system with prayer. Students do not solely pray for the high school or middle school they attend, but EVERY school in the city of Pueblo. iDentity youth meet at one high school or middle school on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am to walk the campus and pray for 4 specific areas:

- The administrators of the school: We pray that God would guide them as they make decisions that affect the students of the school system.
- The teachers and staff: We pray that God would guide them and what is taught to the students at the school.
- The community: We pray that God would cover the community with His protection and love.
- The students: We pray for the hearts and minds of all students. We cover their past, their present and their futures. We pray for their insecurities, their fears, their hopes, and their dreams. We pray for unity and for students eyes to be open, to see the unseen, love the unloved and hear words that are not spoken so that the chains of loneliness and depression will be broken!

We believe as we Crash the Campus with prayer, God will hear and we will see revival in our schools and in the hearts of students citywide.

Pastor Danny iDentity Student Ministry Pueblo, Colorado

\*As a Rocky Mountain Youth Alive Missionary, we feel honored and blessed to bring you tools and resources that help connect the church to the campus!

For more information please visit: <u>www.yarmdc.org</u>

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