



Join the Henrico Education Foundation's School Supply Challenge

What is the School Supply Challenge?

The S.S. Challenge allows local businesses and community groups to make an instant impact on Henrico County's most needy students by providing them with essential school supplies such as paper, pencils, notebooks, pocket folders and art supplies. ***You can help provide the tools for academic success!***

What is a "challenged" school?

A school is considered challenged if it has a large percentage of lower socio-economic students, a wide range of academic needs among its students, and if students score lower on standardized tests. Approximately 30% of Henrico County students are considered economically deprived; this figure is expected to increase in coming years due to the economic downturn. Without the S.S. Challenge, many needy students would start the year at an even greater disadvantage than their classmates.

How does the program work?

Organizations collect school supplies from July through mid-August. Supplies are either donated directly to HEF, who will distribute the items to schools, or delivered to the school by the partner, allowing for a personal connection between schools and their partner organization. We target initial delivery by the first day of school but also replenish supplies at the mid-year point and during SOL testing. Monetary donations are accepted as well.

Who participated in the 2009 Challenge?

A total of 40 corporations, small businesses, community organizations and faith-based groups provided school supplies for challenged students in 42 schools. We added 18 new partners this year including PTA and SCA groups. Representatives of partner groups were recognized before the School Board.

How do I get involved?

Contact Paula Roop, HEF Program Manager, for additional information at pdroop@henrico.k12.va.us or (804) 652-3369.