

# Learn

Each day hundreds of children in Alachua County go to school without the tools they need to learn. **TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS** is a partnership of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the School Board of Alachua County that offers a place for teachers to shop for school supplies at no cost.

*Alachua County's businesses helping Alachua County's children.*

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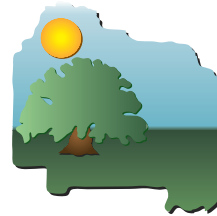
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# EXPLORE



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Free creative learning materials for teachers

*"This center will be a great opportunity for teachers to acquire additional resources to enhance teaching and learning in our schools." –Dr. Doris Richardson, Principal, Hidden Oak Elementary*

# IMAGINE



Every day, local businesses throw away countless items. Castoffs, overruns, and manufacturing by-products are just a few of the materials sent to the landfill instead of being reused. Imagine those items in the hands of eager students! They become useful supplies to help make math, science, and language arts concepts real.

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

operates with disadvantaged children in mind – children whose parents cannot afford the basic necessities for school.

Nearly half of Alachua County's students are eligible for

free or reduced lunch. Many

parents cannot even afford the cost of a school lunch for their children, let alone the necessary school supplies. As a result, teachers often spend hundreds of their own dollars on classroom materials – materials that are needed but not afforded by the school budget.

**TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS** serves those students and teachers by providing a free store for creative learning materials.



## HOW CAN YOUR BUSINESS HELP?

Collect ordinary objects such as pencils, paper, and crayons that your business can donate. Also, identify materials your business throws away that can be used in the classroom. Surplus office supplies, unused books, and unwanted

manufacturing by-products such as foam, plastic moldings and fabrics can serve as much needed resources for several creative problem-solving

programs. Last year, more than 450

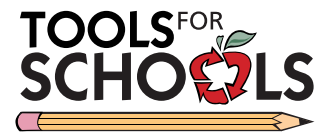
Florida businesses provided reusable resources for students in need. Those resources benefited over 300,000 students

and 11,000 teachers

throughout

Florida. Your

donations will provide valuable materials for hands-on creative learning in the classroom.



*"Working directly with school staff (teachers, aides, principals, and parent volunteers), I hear stories about students' needs that cannot be met because of limited school budgets."*

*David Stanley,  
Teacher, Production Lab*

*"I think the Tools for Schools recycling center will be a great way to get new ideas and materials... both students and teachers will benefit."*

*Monica Coker, Art Teacher, Sidney Lanier and Anchor Center*



Call 352-374-5213 for more information on how you can participate.