

Mentor Mission

The mission of the Granite Falls School District Mentoring Program is to link schools and community by matching at-risk youth in a long term one-to-one mentoring relationship with an adult volunteer that will encourage personal and academic growth.

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Mentor one child,
change two lives

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“I, MYSELF, HAVE TWO STUDENTS THAT I MENTOR AND IT IS VERY REWARDING AND FUN!”

-Mentor Linda

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Why Mentor?



Youth represent our hope for the future. We cannot afford to lose even one for they are our future leaders.

A mentor provides support, guidance and hope, helping the student to become a healthy happy

and confident young citizen. It is especially important to be in a child's life between the ages of 9 and 15. That age is commonly at an important turning point in their lives. During this time they may permanently turn off from serious engagement in school life and turn to a variety of risky behavior that can limit their chances of reaching productive adulthood. If they have a mentor during this time then preventative intervention is most successful and youth are most capable of envisioning a positive future, making and committing to reach their goals.

"I started meeting with my student when she was in 4th grade, next year she'll be graduating from high school. She has set some good goals for herself. I'm so proud of her achievements."
-Mentor Deborah

Mentor Benefits

Mentoring is a valuable tool for helping youth live up to their potential and discover the best in themselves. Benefits of a strong mentoring program include:

- * Improving students self-esteem
- * Keeping youth in school
- * Helping improve academic skills
- * Leading youth to resources they might not find on their own
- * Providing support for new behaviors, attitudes and ambition

What is a Mentor?

The primary role of a mentor is to promote positive self-esteem and success in school.

- * A mentor is a friend
- * A mentor listens, encourages, cheers, guides, and shows concern
- * A mentor helps a student discover his/her talents and abilities
- * A mentor is a role model
- * A mentor communicates to a student, "you are worth my time; I believe in you!"

Quotes from students

"You can achieve challenges if you try."

-8th grade mentee

"The mentoring program helps keep your mind off of the bad things. Relaxes you for the next class and makes you think clearly."

-Ben 8th grade mentee

"100x very happy. My mentor is very nice and very sweet."

-Harmony 3rd grade mentee

How Does it Work?

Students are selected for the program based on teacher and counselor recommendations and parent permission. Volunteer mentors are community members who are screened and trained, then matched with a student. Each mentor meets with his/her student during the school day once a week for approximately 45 minutes. Special events, such as group picnics, field trips, are integrated throughout the year.



"I have learned to let go of some of my free time to make a difference in someone else's life."

-Mentor Amy



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