

Teachers,

Thank you for being a part of the mentoring program in your school! The mentoring program in your school was developed in order to offer additional support for you and your students. Mentors provide social, emotional and academic support for students in order to help them reach their full potential.

Overwhelmingly teachers like mentoring because over time it has been shown to:

- Increase mentees' ability to work well with others,
- Improve mentees' attitude toward learning
- Improve mentees' decision making skills
- Improve mentee's grades

Like you, mentors are there to ensure student's success. As a teacher you have a small, but important role in the mentoring process. Your mentor coordinator will outline your specific responsibilities, but it can include: making student recommendations, assisting with scheduling, and being available to make academic suggestions to the mentor. Any information you can provide to mentors about areas of concern will help mentors as they plan their sessions.

Mentoring is mentee driven; therefore mentors are there to provide the mentee with whatever support they need, helping them to be successful students and individuals. Once you give mentors basic information about areas of concern, they can find creative ways to help students make connections to the materials. Mentors are not "the teacher", but they are there to provide social, emotional and/or academic supports for students.

Thank you again for being a part of the mentoring program in your school! Please feel free to contact me, your building mentor coordinator, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mentor Coordinator