Youth Motivator Program



Mentoring is a wonderful way for caring adults to share their wisdom with future generations and to strengthen their communities. The objectives are: to give support to students who need assistance, to promote the values of education, to improve student performance in attendance, and to teach students to set and reach goals.

The Youth Motivator (mentor) meets one-on-one with an elementary, middle or high school student. The volunteer helps with homework and encourages attendance. As a friend and role model, the volunteer listens to the student, helps with problem solving, and demonstrates the values of punctuality and dependability.

All Youth Motivators must attend an orientation session provided by the school district (call Volunteer/Partnership Programs for a current schedule), complete an online application and provide an identification with photo to finish the process. The mentor is matched with a student with similar interests, and who attends a school convenient for the mentor. They meet for 30-60 minutes/week on the school campus, for a minimum of twelve weeks. A school-based Youth Motivator Coordinator is available to provide insight and answer questions that the mentor may have.

What Qualifications Do I Need?

- A warm and understanding personality
- Patience
- Sense of humor
- Respect for others
- Ability to be flexible
- Dependable and reliable
- Sincerity
- Good listener
- Able to accept a young person as they are
- Understand and know that each student is different and unique
- Desire to motivate a young person and help him/her succeed in school



Other Volunteer Opportunities...

From mentoring or tutoring a student one-onone, to helping the media specialist shelve books, there is a volunteer job to suit every person's background and interest. Following is a list of possible volunteer opportunities. All of these positions are not available on every school campus. Schools reserve the right to recruit volunteers only for volunteer positions in which there is a need.

- Art Volunteer
- Classroom Volunteer
- Clerical Volunteer
- Extracurricular Activities Volunteer
- Family Center Volunteer
- Health Clinic Volunteer
- Media Center Volunteer
- Music/Band Volunteer
- Sunshine Math Volunteer
- Tutor
- Volunteer Resource Bureau Speaker
- Youth Motivator (Mentor)

Please call a local Volusia County school near you and ask to speak with the School Volunteer Coordinator. They will try to match your talents, skills, and times available to their school needs!



Make a difference

one child at a time!

Be A MENTOR



For more information call:

Volunteer/Partnership Programs

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Lend a helping hand...



... one child at a time.

One-on-one volunteer opportunities

Volusia County Schools Volunteer/Partnership Programs

59% of mentored students get better grades

- ♦ 55% more likely to enroll in college
- 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities
- 81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extra curricular activities
- 46% of mentored students are less likely to try drugs
- 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school
- ◊ 37% less likely to skip a class



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