



Mentor Profile

Mentor:

An iGrad mentor is a caring, responsible, adult volunteer who serves as a trusted friend and guide to a student. The mentor helps the student develop important academic and life skills, experience new opportunities and a wide array of resources, make positive life choices, stay in school, and graduate with a plan for pursuing post-secondary education.

Qualifications:

- 21 years of age or older.
- Have no less than a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Submit a Volunteer Application and Agreement, including signed Confidentiality Agreement, 2 forms of reference, a copy of a photo ID, and evidence of auto insurance.
- Pass a criminal background check.
- Exhibit a genuine concern for students.
- Show sensitivity to persons of different educational, economic, cultural or racial backgrounds.
- Exhibit an interest in needs and concerns of persons with barriers to personal success.

Essential Function / Responsibilities to Student:

- Have the ability to commit at least one year mentoring a student.
- Spend an average of 4 hours per month in a mutually agreed-upon activity with the student.
- Communicate with the student weekly to keep informed about what is going on in their lives. You and the student decide the means of communication.
- Honor all commitments made to the student.
- Be respectful of the student's time, opinions, and decisions.
- Serve as a positive role model by modeling desirable behaviors – e.g. patience, tolerance, reflective listening and follow through.
- Assist the student in solving problems that interfere with success at school or at home.
- Be comfortable and able to establish appropriate boundaries with the student and his or her family.
- Encourage and support the student.
- Help the student develop a plan for completing high school and going on to college, work or the military.

Responsibility to iGrad:

- Attend an initial iGrad Interview and Training.
- Communicate monthly with an iGrad Volunteer Coordinator your hours.
- Complete evaluation surveys as requested.
- Recognize the mentor role as a mandated reporter and report any issues to iGrad coordinator.
- Be patient and understand the mentoring relationship is a process that takes work and time.

Benefits of iGrad Mentoring:

- Play an important role in increasing high school graduation rates
- Help a student succeed.
- Contribute to your community.
- Achieve a broader cultural understanding and exchange.
- Participate in a successful program