

OUR PROGRAM

The Elkhorn Public Schools Partners in Education Mentoring Program differs from other mentoring programs in two key ways:

1) **Academically-focused:** the primary goal of mentors in our program is to assist students with their academic needs and curriculum understanding.

2) **Based at school:** all mentoring sessions occur during school hours. This ensures that the focus remains on academics. Mentors are welcome to meet with their mentees outside of school hours if permission is granted by the mentee's guardians.

By focusing primarily on academics, our students are regularly reminded of the importance of education.

THE MENTORING IMPACT

Mentors help keep students in school - studies show that students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class.

Mentors can improve academic skills by assisting in developing positive study habits and growing a passion for learning. The development of these skills increases the likelihood of students going on to pursue a higher education and improves attitudes towards education and learning.

Youth who meet regularly with their mentors see them as role models and are generally 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking due to a mentor's positive influence.

MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide academic support at the appropriate level
- Be a positive role model
- Provide guided/independent practice
- Reinforce classroom objectives, skills, and strategies
- Follow confidentiality guidelines
- Attend weekly sessions with mentee
- Come prepared and be on time

**Make a difference in a child's life
by becoming a mentor today!**

For additional information or to get an application to become a mentor, please contact Kara Perchal at (402) 289-2579 or kperchal@epsne.org or visit www.elkhornweb.org/programs/mentoring-partners.

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