



Mentoring Program

An Eastside Academy Mentor's purpose is to mirror the image of God to an at-risk student in a one-on-one relationship that breathes inspiration and builds life-skills

Become an Eastside Academy Mentor

Most at-risk students at Eastside Academy have never experienced healthy relationships. Many only know the heartache of broken trust, neglect and abuse. That's why the Mentoring Program at Eastside Academy is so important. One of the main ways mentors at Eastside Academy begin building their relationship with a student is by meeting for lunch once a week, usually on the school campus. Eastside Academy Mentors are a diverse group of individuals, but they have one thing in common; their ability to give hope because of their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Mentoring an Eastside Academy student ...

- Strengthens educational focus and motivation
- Provides students with healthy guidance and support in daily challenges and struggles
- Expands student's perspective and creates opportunities
- Improves a student's attitude towards parents, peers and teachers

Fast Facts

- On average, students with mentors at EA increased their GPA twice as much as students without mentors
- Students with mentors are 2x as likely to attend school (students with mentors have an absentee rate of 6%, while students without mentors have an absentee rate of 12%)
- Students with mentors are more likely to: Finish and succeed in their school work and maintain a healthier self-esteem and confidence
- Students with mentors are less likely to: Drink and do drugs or skip school & engage in acts of violence

Eastside Academy Mentor Expectations

- Belief in and obedience to Jesus Christ
- Every Mentor receives initial and on-going mentor training through: Orientation, Mentor Forums, the EA Mentor Manual, and personal support
- Each Mentor is prayerfully matched with a student
- Mentors are to be consistent and dependable in the relationship with their student
- Mentors commit an average of 2 hours per week to their student
- Mentors make a one year commitment to the program

Steps to Becoming an Eastside Academy Mentor

- **Fill Out an Application** - Applications available at the school office, or online at www.eastsideacademy.org
- **Be interviewed** - Once you have turned in your completed application, the Mentor Coordinator will set up a time for you to be interviewed. The interview process is a time for us to check you out and for you to check us out, as well as get more details about the school, students, training and your role as a mentor.
- **Receive an Orientation** – If you are applying at the beginning of the year, you will attend one of our two orientations that are hosted for new and returning mentors. If you are applying after the fall orientations, your orientation will be provided at the time of your interview, as part of the same appointment.

***For more information on becoming an Eastside Academy Mentor,
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