



Texarkana
Independent School District



Mentoring . . . a joint effort on behalf of children.

School age youngsters today have too few people in their lives that are able and willing to support and motivate them to identify and achieve their goals in life.

Texarkana Independent School District feels that our students will benefit from a one-on-one relationship with an adult other than their teachers. These persons can provide consistent caring, support, guidance, and concrete help as youngsters go through various challenging periods in their development.

Mentoring is an important answer to this need. Mentors can help students gain the skills and confidence to be responsible for their own future.

Students begin to "be" what they believe other people think of them. If students are given negative images of themselves, they begin to think of themselves accordingly, and may not learn. This program proposes to place caring individuals with students who need positive support for their educational and personal growth.

Overview

What is a Mentor?

Mentoring is part of TISD's volunteer program. A mentor is an older, more experienced individual who seeks to further the development of character and competence in a younger person. He or she is committed to expending the time and energy necessary to help the student succeed in school. The role of the volunteer is multi-faceted. Mentors care about the youth of today and quality education.

Mentor Attributes

- A strong desire to help children succeed in school
- The ability to perceive and respond to the needs of children
- A willingness to invest time and energy in mentoring a child
- The belief that every child can learn, although each learns differently and at a different rate
- A sense of humor
- An enthusiasm to perform community service

What is required?

- Commit to participating in the program for at least one school year and meet once a month
- Attend mentor training session (one hour)
- Attend mixer activities
- Submit an application
- Conduct all meetings on school grounds



Tiger Mentor Program

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