

Leon County Schools MENTOR FACT SHEET

The Facts...

A child who regularly meets with a mentor is:

- 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school.
- 37% less likely to skip a class.
- 55% more likely to enroll in college.
- 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs.
- 27% less likely to experiment with alcohol.

Source: Mentoring.org



How can I become a Mentor?

- **Apply ONLINE.** Fill out the Leon County Schools Volunteer Application/Mentor Agreement form at this link:

<https://volunteers.leonschools.net/Volunteers/>

Then sign up for **Mentor Training** by visiting the LCS website at www.leonschools.net. Choose the **Community** tab and select **Volunteer Program Services**

- **Get Trained**
Attend the training session at the Leon County Schools District Office (approximately 1 hour).



What is Mentoring?

In Leon County Schools (LCS), it is spending 30 minutes to 1 hour with **one** child, **once** a week. Mentoring sessions always take place on school property during the school day.

Who can Mentor?

Any adult who attends a formal mentor training, and who is **approved** through the LCS criminal background check can be a mentor.

Did You Know?

All state agencies and many local businesses allow their employees up to **one hour per week** for mentoring.

Ask your employer about it!

**Mentoring
Changes
Lives**



- **Get Fingerprinted**
Following completion of the required application forms and the mentor training, Leon County Schools will cover the cost of fingerprinting and a criminal background check.

- **Get Matched**
After your background check is approved, your school-based Mentor Coordinator will match you with a mentee, and then contact you to arrange a mutually convenient schedule.



Have Questions?

Please contact the District Volunteer Office at

850 487 7800