## **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

## 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 <u>on school</u> <u>property during the school day</u>.

### 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?

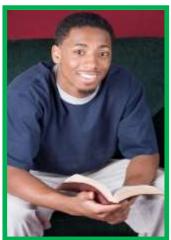
All state agencies and many local businesses allow their employees up to **one hour per week** for mentoring.

Ask your employer about it!



# 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).





### • 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

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