**“Witnessing the incredible impact of KEYS mentoring on children firsthand has been truly inspiring. From simply brightening a child’s day to completely altering the course of their life, the influence of mentoring knows no bounds.”**

*Dr. Andrew Lowry*
*Principal, WoodCreek Junior High School*



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# KEYS Mentoring
## The Mentor Program

# There is PROVEN SUCCESS in KEYS Mentoring

To learn more about the KEYS Mentoring Program and how it has transformed the lives of students, please contact your child's campus counselor or Cydney Wright at CydneyJWright@katyisd.org.

**"The best part about having a KEYS mentor is knowing I can open up without feeling judged. I always feel heard, supported, and never alone."**



*Hannah Lane*
*KEYS Mentee*

**Katy ISD requires all volunteers serving on or off-campus during or outside the instructional day to register with the district through its Raptor security system.**

**Register Here:**

**KEYS sparks hope and transforms lives one student, one mentor at a time.**

## Who are KEYS students?

KEYS is a relationship-based program designed for *any student* who could benefit from having a consistent, caring adult in their corner. Whether a student is navigating personal challenges, adjusting to a new environment, or simply needs a little extra encouragement, KEYS provides meaningful one-on-one support.

## What is a mentor?

A mentor is someone who understands that the greatest gift any of us can give is our time. Mentors give the time it takes to slowly, gently build a relationship into a friendship.

## 5 steps to become a KEYS mentor:

**1. Application**
Fill out the online KEYS Mentor application form. Once the application is filled, the background check process will begin.

**2. Raptor Registration**
As a district volunteer, you will also need to complete the registration process via the Raptor system.

**3. KEYS 101 Training**
Participate in KEYS 101 training, available online or in person.

**4. Student Assignment**
Mentors are assigned a student based on campus needs and geographic preferences selected on the mentor application.

**5. Start Mentoring**
Once assigned, you will meet your student on campus for one hour, once a week during the school year.

**KEYS MENTORING INFORMATION**

**APPLY NOW TO BE A KEYS MENTOR**

## Who are KEYS campus liaisons?

KEYS liaisons support each unique mentor/student relationship by facilitating their initial connection then serving as a chief advisor and friend.

## KEYS Mentor Program expectations:

Katy ISD has procedures in place to ensure compliance with federal, state, local laws and school board policies. These restrictions exist to protect students and the adults who lead them, and prevent any appearance of impropriety on the part of individual KEYS mentors.

- All KEYS mentors must successfully complete Katy ISD's required annual Raptor volunteer registration.
- KEYS mentors should have ***no contact*** with their mentee outside of Katy ISD staff supervision.
- KEYS mentors should have ***no contact*** with their mentee's parent or guardian.
- Physical contact between mentor and mentee other than a handshake or pat on the back is prohibited.
- Anything your mentee tells you is confidential unless abuse or illegal activity is involved, then mentors are required by law to immediately notify their KEYS liaison.
- Consult your KEYS campus liaison regarding conversations that make you uncomfortable. Avoid and redirect personal topics.
- KEYS mentors must adhere to all campus and district policies.
- Any gifts must be given of nominal value.