



Mentoring Matters

Make a difference! Be a mentor for a small group of high school students!

Time Well Spent

What is the commitment?

- 9 total meetings (September-May)
 - 60 minute in-person meetings with students
 - Meetings occur one Monday per month
- Meetings held at our four high schools
- 2-4 students matched to each mentor for the year
- Preparation for mentor is very limited as structured pre-set meeting agendas and activities are provided in the mentor's handbook

Designed to be a fun and turnkey experience!

Can you think of a mentor who influenced your decisions, habits, or future for the better? You could be that mentor to a high school student!

In the years to come, our goal is to connect every 11th grade student in NKC Schools with a mentor who can share their interests and hard-won wisdom as they guide students through the challenges of career preparation.

Volunteer Mentors coach students in soft skills and meet monthly with them to discuss meaningful topics (see scheduled sessions on the back).

If you believe that society has a responsibility now more than ever to be the "village" that supports students in becoming the best version of themselves, join us!



Mentor-Student Sessions

2024-2025 Schedule

September 9, 2024- Mentor/Student Meet & Greet (*Highly suggested meeting)

This is an informal meet-and-greet for students and mentors to meet each other in order to provide placements for the school year.

September 23, 2024- Intro & Communication

Mentors meet student matches, do an all-group intro, and then complete an activity about communication styles and plan out a Team Communication Agreement for the year.

October 21, 2024- SMART Goals & Shadow Prep

(We will complete a Job Shadow Interest Form this month for the November experience.)

Mentors and students will do an activity about self-esteem, set SMART goals, and create a job shadowing plan for November.

November 1st- 22nd, 2024- Job Shadow Window

Job Shadowing Sessions

- Preselected Dates and Sites: Mentors and students choose from predetermined options.
- Mentor Participation: Mentors accompany mentees to these locations.
- Location Details: Provided in September/October.

December 2024- No Mentor Meeting (District Mock Interview Opportunity)

Mentors will not meet this month. However, there is a mock interview opportunity with all sophomores on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. To register, please contact your College and Career Facilitator.

January 27, 2025- Resume' & Interview Skills

Students will each bring mentors' a draft of their resume' for review and revision. Mentors will also go over interview tips and follow up with any mentees that attended the district mock interviews last month.

February 24, 2025-Post-Secondary, Career and Training Q & A Panel

Mentors sit as panelists and students rotate around to ask them questions about college, career, life experiences.

March 17, 2025- Future & Financial Planning

Mentors guide students through discussions on Future and Financial Planning, offering insights and answering questions about preparing for the future and managing finances.

April 21, 2025 – Closing Celebration (Final meeting with mentees)

Mentors will guide students through a "Future Plan" template to promote discussion of student plans for summer, grade 12, and financial planning. In addition, mentors and students will celebrate achievements of the year with recognition, and refreshments.

May 12, 2025- Mentor Only Final Meeting (Central Office)

How to Volunteer as a Career Mentor?

Follow these steps below:

- **Step 1:** Fill out Mentor Application Profile Form Online (QR Code provided below).



- **Step 2:** Use the payment code provided by the district to complete background check and fingerprints.
- **Step 3:** Attend Mentor Orientation in August/September.
- **Step 4:** Calendar scheduled meetings (left) for the year.

[Link to the registration form can also be found here: https://forms.gle/eqFq2LXGwH2ZAGP87](https://forms.gle/eqFq2LXGwH2ZAGP87)