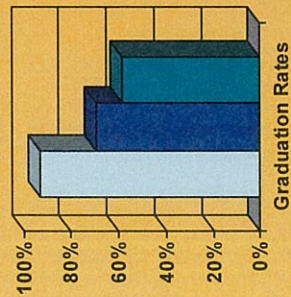


MEN*TOR

A wise and trusted counselor or teacher; an influential senior sponsor or supporter; an adviser, guide, or preceptor.

Mentors, Inc has provided mentors for students enrolled in Washington, DC's public senior high schools since 1987. The organization was founded by a parent and a principal – Shayne Schneider and Betty Brooks – who recognized the powerful untapped resource that the large pool of highly educated professionals in DC represented for students in the city's public schools. While the city's professional community is among the most educated and affluent in the United States, its public schools serve many students who are severely limited in family, community and school resources, with little experience with higher education. Mentors, Inc. has been the only citywide, open enrollment, one-on-one mentoring program serving high school aged youth, focused on the relationship itself. More than merely tutors, our mentors are role models; they provide the guidance, support, knowledge, and love our young people need to become successful adults.



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Mentoring D.C. Public High School Students



For high school and
beyond!



Mentors

- Be at least 21 years old and have completed high school or the equivalent
- Complete an application and two letters of reference
- Participate in a face-to-face interview with staff
- Pass a criminal background check
- Participate in a four-hour mentor training
- Participate in a match party to meet your new protégé
- Make at least a one-year commitment to mentoring a protégé, including participating in activities that help you help the student graduate and go on to college!

Students

- Be enrolled in grades 9-12 in a Washington, DC public or charter school
- Submit an application and participate in a short interview with staff
- Attend an orientation with a parent or guardian before being matched with a mentor
- Participate in a match party to meet your new mentor
- Sign an agreement that you will abide by program rules
- Make at least a one-year commitment to your mentoring relationship



Become a Mentor! Volunteer

Mentoring is one of the best ways to support your community. By helping a young person succeed, you are creating a brighter future for all of us and will gain the satisfaction of knowing that you have made a difference in someone's life. You will discover and rediscover parts of yourself that you didn't know existed, learn how much you have to give, and have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference. Check to see if we're recruiting today!

Get Your Business Involved

Many organizations wishing to give back to the community where they work choose education, and working with local students, as their focus. Your corporation can play a valuable role in preparing DC youth for the District's future workforce by getting involved with Mentors, Inc.



Corporate partners encourage a culture of volunteerism among their employees; while providing financial contributions to support the

mentoring their employees donate their time toward. Organizations advance the mission in other ways too: they raise funds at holiday parties, adopt-a-school, make us their charity of choice for the United Way campaign, provide matching funds for employee gifts, offer pro-bono services to build our nonprofit assets, and a host of other creative encouragements. Find out how you and your company can help in-

crease the graduation rates and success of DC's public and charter high school students!

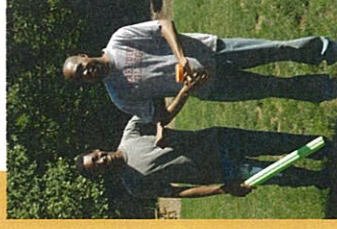
Sign Up Your School

Mentors, Inc. is an approved DCPS out-of-school-time provider, so we can recruit students through classrooms at the invitation of teachers, counselors, and principals. Students still have to follow through with the application process, and need their parent's approval. Ask us about work we've done in your school, or get a partnership started.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND BEYOND!

Since the start, our goal has been to help our students graduate from high school and go on to college, to open up a lifetime of possibilities. DC students are talented and full of potential, and mentors help expand their horizons.

- ✓ At least 90% of our seniors graduate, compared to 72% of their DC peers
- ✓ At least 80% of our seniors enroll in colleges, compared to 29% of their DC peers, or as few as 5% from the higher-need wards of the city
- ✓ 80% of our mentoring pairs stay together for their year commitment, compared to 38% nationwide



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