



# Mentoring Program

*An Eastside Academy Mentor's purpose is to mirror the image of God to an at-risk student in a one-on-one relationship that builds life-skills, develops leadership and breathes inspiration*

## ***Become an Eastside Academy Mentor***

Most at-risk students at Eastside Academy have never experienced a healthy adult relationship. Many only know the heartache of broken trust, neglect and abuse. That's why the Mentoring Program at Eastside Academy is so important. By becoming a mentor you can change a life by mirroring the image of God to an at-risk student. You can help a student find their purpose and destiny.

## ***Mentoring an Eastside Academy student ...***

- Strengthens educational focus and motivation
- Provides students with healthy guidance and support in daily challenges and struggles
- Expands student's perspective and creates opportunities
- Improves a student's attitude towards parents, peers and teachers

## ***Fast Facts***

- On average, students with mentors at Eastside Academy increased their GPA twice as much as students without mentors
- Students with mentors are twice as likely to attend school (students with mentors have an absentee rate of 6%, while students without mentors have an absentee rate of 12%)
- Students with mentors are more likely to:
  - Finish and succeed in their school work
  - Maintain a healthier self-esteem and confidence
- Students with mentors are less likely to:
  - Drink and do drugs or skip school
  - Engage in acts of violence

## ***Eastside Academy Mentor Expectations***

- Belief in and obedience to Jesus Christ
- Every Mentor receives initial and on-going mentor training through: Orientation, Mentor Forums, and personal support
- Each Mentor is prayerfully matched with a student
- Mentors are expected to be consistent and dependable in the relationship with their student
- Mentors are expected to commit at least 2 hours per week, on average, to their student
- Mentors are expected to make a one year commitment to the program
- Each student is paired with two mentors. Mentors may work in tandem or independently, giving the student the opportunity to get to know two people as well as offering flexibility to mentors
- Eastside Academy plans quarterly Student/Mentor activities to help provide fun environments for matches to share meaningful experiences

***For more information on becoming an Eastside Academy Mentor,  
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**Mentoring applications available at [www.eastsideacademy.org](http://www.eastsideacademy.org)**