



The Partnership to Educate & Advance Kids

“To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; that is to have succeeded.”

Emerson

The Role of a PEAK Mentor

As a PEAK Mentor, you have the chance to allow one life to breathe easier. Become that trusted role model for an at-risk student at Holy Trinity High School! *With your gift of time*, you’ll serve as a consistent, committed and caring adult who provides the critical one-on-one guidance throughout the student’s high school years.

What is the difference between Mentor and Sponsor?

Each student is matched with a Mentor who provides the gift of time and experience; as well as a Sponsor who provides the gift of tuition for the 4 years of high school. Many individuals and couples take on both of these roles; however, for those who choose to take on just one role, PEAK will match a student with a separate Mentor and a Sponsor. Although the Sponsor is continually updated on their student’s progress throughout each year, ***it is the Mentor who is personally and continually involved in the student’s life and the PEAK process.***

What is the role of a PEAK Mentor?

The responsibility of Mentor is one of role model and coach; not tutor. For many of our students, their Mentor will be the first adult to tell them that they are capable of achieving greatness – however they define it! And the first adult to show them the world through a different lens – one of hope and possibilities. Through the successes and failures of these years, ***a PEAK Mentor encourages and challenges their student to keep going and become the best they can be.***

What is the Commitment of a Mentor?

- **Foster a relationship** that your student can rely upon and trust. To do so, Mentors typically keep in touch with their student through phone conversations, spending time together each month, keeping updated on classes and grades, engaging in dialogue about life goals and post-high school planning – ***the potential is endless!***
- **PEAK organizes 4 Saturday student /Mentor events each year.** These events are mandatory for the students, and Mentors are strongly encouraged to attend. These are easy and important ways to connect with your student. These events include such activities as Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers workshop, Dining Etiquette workshop, day of volunteering with younger kids, museum visits, and other unique experiences.
- **Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences** each quarter with your student and their parent(s). This is an energizing hour of your time and an important way to show encouragement.
- **Mentors are asked to consider pledging** some type of donation each year. *Most companies provide matching gifts* and PEAK is a qualified organization for this purpose.

“We must not only give what we have; we must also give what we are.”

Cardinal Mercier