

School Based Mentors

School-based mentors make a difference in a young person's life by helping them succeed at school. Caring adult attention will help improve a child's attitude and ultimately his/her academic performance

Most school-based mentors visit the student at school once a week for an hour or so each visit. Businesses often let their employees help at school during work time. They are aware that studies show school-based mentors make a measurable difference in a life of a child or adolescent. According to a study published by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, teachers involved nationwide with this program report:

- 64% of students reported a more positive attitude toward school
- 58% achieved higher grades in social studies, languages and math
- 60% improved relationships with adults
- 63% improved relationships with peers
- 55% were better able to express their feelings
- 64% developed higher levels of confidence
- 62% were more likely to trust teachers

Seminole County Public Schools is committed to provide school-based mentors to as many students as possible. At SCPS, mentors are a part of the Dividends School Volunteer program within the SCPS Community Involvement Department. We believe that a caring adult in a student's life significantly increases their resiliency to overcome the challenges they face. The students need support, patience, acceptance, positive relationships, role models and just someone to listen to them.

School-based mentors help improve school climate and enhance academic achievement. To continue this improvement, we need more adult mentors. If you or someone you know may be interested in school-based mentoring, please call 407-320-0184 or visit Community Involvement on the web.