



Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program

DARE TO BE THE DIFFERENCE.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program. The program matches students and adult volunteers, in an effort to support both academic and personal achievements.

Through this program, your child will meet with their mentor while at school for at least one hour per week. The goals and needs of each child vary. And as such, each child's experience will be unique. However, the common goal is that the mentor will encourage the positive development of their mentee. Mentors and mentees will share in fun activities and conversation. The mentor will encourage their mentee to make positive choices and will bolster their self-esteem through reinforcement and reassurance.

You can be assured that all mentors participating in the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program undergo a criminal background check prior to joining our mentoring team. In addition, all mentors participate in a formal training program prior to beginning work with their mentee. Mentors are asked to commit to mentoring for a minimum of one (1) year; however, we encourage mentors and mentees to continue their relationships for many years to come.

All mentoring through the program will take place on school premises. Any contact that your child has with their mentor outside of school would require your express consent and would be left solely to your individual discretion. Should any program-sponsored activities arise throughout the year that would be held outside of your child's school, we would require your written consent prior to your child attending.

In order for your child to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, we need your permission. Please thoroughly review and sign the enclosed permission form and return it as soon as possible. Once permission is received, we will begin the placement process of finding the ideal mentor for your child!

Sincerely,

Jillian Rafter
Mentor Program Coordinator



Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Please complete this form in its entirety and return with your signature.

Please read and initial in the space provided each of the following statements.

I grant permission for the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program to make contact with my child for the purpose of conducting interviews that will assist in the support of his/her ongoing participation in the mentor program.	Initials: _____
I authorize the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program to obtain any needed information regarding my child from his/her school's staff, including academic and behavioral records and conversations with teachers or other administrative staff.	Initials: _____
I understand that my child's information will be shared anonymously (without names) with parties that are involved in collecting mentor program data that will determine program success and potential program modifications.	Initials: _____
I understand that the mentor program is a school-based program and is designed for the mentor to interact with their assigned mentee while on school premises. I acknowledge that any interactions between my child and his/her mentor outside of school will require my consent and permission. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program or any group/individual working on/with this program does not recommend or encourage interactions outside of school and therefore cannot and will not be held liable for any occurrences that take place outside of school.	Initials: _____
I agree to allow the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program to use photographic images of my child that are taken during participation in this program for use in promotional materials designed to support the future of the mentor program.	Initials: _____

I give my informed consent and permission for my child (*first and last name*),
 _____, to participate in the Griffin-Spalding County Mentor Program. I agree to have my child follow all program guidelines, and I understand that failure to adhere to program guidelines may result in suspension or termination from the mentoring partnership.

I give permission for my child to work with the mentor selected for him/her.

Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please return this form to the mentor program coordinator as soon as possible. Your child will not be placed with a mentor until written consent is received. Thank you.



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Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

The following is a recommended form that will provide the mentor program with additional information that will assist in pairing your child with a mentor. The information will also support the assigned mentor as they begin working with your child. If you would prefer not to answer any questions, please write N/A in the appropriate field. Thank you.

What do you hope for your child to gain through participation in this mentor program?

Please tell us about your child's school performance. Do you have any concerns with grades, homework completion, attendance, behavior issues, etc.?

Does your child make friends easily? Have close friends?

Is your child having any current behavioral or social problems at home or at school? If so, please provide us with any information that you believe may be helpful as we begin to work with your child.



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Mentee Interest Survey

This form is designed to help us get to know the child that will be participating in the mentor program through their own words. Please have the youth complete this form.

Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, which languages?

What are some of your favorite things you like to do with other people?

What are your favorite subjects in school?

If you could learn more about a particular job or career, what would it be?

What are your favorite subjects to read about?

What is a goal that you have set for yourself for your future?

What is something new that you would like to learn?

What person do you most admire and why?

Please circle any of the below activities that interest you:

Biking	Camping	Fishing	Cooking	Library	Sewing	Hiking	Gardening
Singing	Music	Sports	Exercise	Church	Writing	Swimming	Technology
Parks	Movies	Playing an Instrument	Animals	Reading	Board Games	Shopping	Video Games

List any other activities or areas that interest you that were not listed above:

Is there anything else that you want to share about yourself?
