

Program Overview and Mentor Expectations

Pearland ISD RISE Mentoring is school based mentoring that connects caring, committed adults from across the community with a student in one of our Pearland ISD schools.

What is school based mentoring? School based mentoring means that all of the mentor/mentee meetings happen on the school campus during the school day (approximately 8-3:30 pm depending on the age of the child). It is not tutoring, it is relationship building via informal activities that the child enjoys; board games, arts and crafts, sports, etc.

Is RISE only in Pearland ISD schools? Yes. RISE was created by Pearland ISD and our mentors are only matched to students enrolled in a Pearland ISD school. There are other school districts with similar programs.

How are students chosen to have a mentor? Any Pearland ISD staff person can recommend a child for a mentor for a variety of reasons. Parents can also call the school or the district to start the process of getting their child in the program or Students can ask to be a part of RISE. The children that we target are ones who at this time in their life and for different reasons are struggling socially with friends, don't really connect with others on the campus (very shy and keep to themselves), put lots of pressure on themselves, or are dealing with a loss or a change in their life. These are just a few of the reasons that a child might be recommended. In all cases, the students would just benefit from having another positive adult who believes in them and is in their corner. We mentor kids from K-12th grade.

What is the time commitment of a RISE Mentor? RISE Mentors commit to meet with their mentee one day a week for 30 minutes. All meetings happen during the school day and on the school campus. You are committing to meet with your student until the end of the school year excluding weekends, evenings, and times when school is closed for holidays and/or testing. If you choose to stay with your mentee for multiple school years, we support that and will work to make it happen as long as mentor, student and parent are still on board.

How do I become a RISE Mentor? Mentors must complete 3 things to become a mentor in the RISE program.

1. Complete a Mentor application
2. Complete the online volunteer background check for Pearland ISD
3. Register for and attend the initial 3 hour training

Links to each of these can be accessed on our website: www.pearlandisd.org/mentoring

In addition, RISE mentors must be out of high school and at least 18 years of age. You do not have to be a resident of Pearland, Texas.