

Jackson Middle School Mentoring Guidelines

The mission of Jackson Middle School is to become a professional learning community that promotes a standard of excellence by fostering academic and social growth in a caring collaborative learning environment. By becoming a mentor group partner, you dedicate your time and energy to helping foster social growth.

Here at Jackson middle school we focus on three principles of purpose.

1. **Intentionality:** Your program measures student growth or achievement and follows an up to date and research-based curriculum.
2. **Professionalism:** Your program follows established professional guidelines, is timely, and communicates any absences. Your program also maintains appropriate dress and uses appropriate language.
3. **Commitment:** Your program makes a 3-year commitment to Jackson Middle School.

In order to be considered for a mentor group partner you will need the following things:

- Set a start and end date as well as time of day and day of the week for your program at Jackson Middle.
- Have all participating members complete a GCS background check.
- Turn in a copy of the Mission Statement of your organization and any corresponding curriculum.
- Attend a 45-minute mentor training on site with Mr. Graves at Jackson Middle.

We do NOT:

- Facilitate one-time volunteer opportunities. Instead we focus on relationship building over time.
- Facilitate off campus activities.
- Pull students out of class for mentoring session. There are rare exceptions for this with the principal's approval.

Few components of a mentor program are as vital to its success as strong personal relationships. But like any other relationship, a successful relationship between you and your mentee won't just happen. It will take skill and hard work, on both your parts, to make your relationship grow.

Keep in mind that the foundations of your mentoring relationship are laid the minute you meet our students. The relationship will grow and change for as long as you're working together. So, it's worth some effort on your part to make sure things go as smoothly as they can!