

Spencer-Owen Community Schools
How to Sign-Up to Become a Mentor

Step 1: Read Description below and determine if you qualify to be a mentor and, if so, the type(s) of mentor that interests you.

Description

A SOCS Mentor is a caring, responsible, adult volunteer who serves as a role model for students. The Mentor helps students in both areas of interests and need. The mentor may be a(n):

- **Academic Tutor:** Assist students in grades 3-12 on a weekly basis with school work
- **Classroom Buddy:** Visit an assigned K-5 classroom on a weekly basis, reinforcing appropriate life skills through a variety of activities.
- **Career Mentor:** Provide guidance and insight to students, in grades 7-12, associated with specific career interests
- **Mentor:** Be a positive role model to students in grades 6-12, someone the student builds rapport with and can talk to

Qualifications

- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Complete a Volunteer Application and Agreement
- Pass a criminal background check and attest to not ever being the subject of Department of Child Services substantiated report
- Exhibit a genuine concern for students and an interest in helping students succeed

Responsibilities of a Mentor

- Serve as a positive role model
- Attend a Kick-Off Event (Date TBD) to receive essential information
- Communicate with designated school staff any concerns or suggestions that will help the student
- Commit to mentoring one or more students throughout the school year
- Assist the student in solving problems that interfere with success at school or at home

- Be able to establish appropriate boundaries with the student
- Encourage and support the student
- Report concerns regarding observable needs and suspected abuse/neglect to the proper authority figures.

Benefits of Mentoring

- Have a positive influence on the life of child
- Contribute to your community

Step 2: [Click Mentor Sign-Up](#) to print, complete, and return

Step 3: [Click Mentor Questionnaire](#) to print, complete, and return

NOTE: If your employer allows paid released time to mentor, check to see any additional protocols they want you to follow.