Fresno Unified School District Mentor Program

The Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) took an important step in launching a district-wide mentor program by hiring a Mentor Coordinator in September 2007. The mission of the Mentor Program is to provide quality mentors to help students fulfill their academic potential.

Mentoring Opportunities

There are many ways for mentors to get involved through various mentoring programs, including:

- **e-Mentoring** - professionals mentoring high school students via email
- **Group Mentoring** - adults mentoring students in groups during and after school
- **One-on-One Mentoring** - mentors working one-on-one with students on or off-campus
- **Work-Site Based Mentoring** - students shadow mentors at their job sites.
- **Academic Mentoring** - mentors work (tutors) specifically with student on class work

Mentoring Partners

FUSD collaborates with several groups and organizations to provide mentoring for students at various school sites:

- United Black Men
- Encourage Tomorrow
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Hugh Goodwin Bar Assoc
- Internal Revenue Services
- Bullard Law Magnet
- Fresno PAL
- R.O.C.K Foundation
- Every Neighborhood Partnership
- Read Fresno
- Making Connections – FUSD Staff
- Dream Job - FUSD Staff
- Fresno State Athletics/Students
- National University
- Fresno State Mediator Mentors
- Fresno State Sigma Omega Phi

At-a-Glance

**How to become a mentor**

- Contact Mentor Coordinator Darrin Person to receive an application
- All mentors must have a criminal background check and be fingerprinted
- Participate in required training and orientation
- Participate in an interview
- Make a one-year commitment to serve as mentor

The impact of mentoring

Research shows that mentoring has a big impact on students.

- Improves self esteem
- Improves academic skills
- Encourages career development
- Reduces delinquency and substance abuse

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