



PARENT MENTORING AGREEMENT

Consent: By signing below, you are giving consent to having an adult mentor your child. The School District of Fairfield County conducts both criminal and sex offender registry checks on all mentors. Any adult with a criminal background will not be allowed to mentor any student in Fairfield County School District. It is imperative that you understand while the District will exercise due diligence in its background checks, offenses that have been expunged or for which the offender has been pardoned may not be revealed during a background check. The District is not legally responsible for any charges or offenses that are not revealed during the criminal background check. The District will conduct out of state background checks when warranted.

Initial Meeting: Before a parent/guardian releases consent for his or her child to be mentored, the School District of Fairfield County requires that an initial meeting takes place between the mentor, appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student. The purpose of the meeting is to outline goals and objectives of the mentoring relationship/program. Mentoring as part of the approved District program is limited to the school environment. Any arrangements the parents and mentor make for contact between the mentor and student outside the school environment are not considered a part of the approved District mentor program. All parties will sign the goals and objectives form.

Confidentiality: Student confidentiality is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). What a mentor hears and observes about a student, family and staff while mentoring in and outside a school is confidential. Repeating a seemingly harmless comment can lead to misunderstandings and hurt feelings. For schools to provide the best environment for learning, everyone's privacy must be respected.

Child Neglect and Abuse Reporting: School mentors are encouraged to report any suspected child neglect or abuse. If a mentor suspects child abuse, he or she must immediately contact the school principal or school counselor.

Termination of Agreement: Parent(s)/guardian(s) can stop the mentoring of their child at anytime by verbal and or written request to the mentor or any school official. **Parent(s)/guardian(s) are also to notify the child's principal of this termination in writing.**

Before mentoring can be conducted, this form must be signed and dated by all parties. Signatures indicate that the parties understand and agree to comply with the terms of this agreement.

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Parent(s) Name _____

Address _____

Phone **Home**_____ **Work/Cell**_____

Signature_____ **Date**_____

Signature_____ **Date**_____

Mentor Name _____

Address _____

Phone **Home**_____ **Work/Cell**_____

Signature_____ **Date**_____

Principal Signature_____ **Date**_____

School Location_____

**A copy of this form will be given to each party and will be kept on file at each
school location.**