

Westlake High School

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Westlake High School Mentoring Program

The WHS mentoring program works in cooperation with the WHS Intervention Assistance Team. A WHS mentor would work as a non-threatening monitor to offer attention and assistance to students in need.

The student referred would get an opportunity to choose three teachers to potentially act as their mentor. The teacher is asked; this is not a mandatory assignment. Once agreed upon, the IAT offers insight as to issues affecting the student. The ultimate goal is to help students academically.

The criteria for the students is based on the following:

- In need of academic attention
- In need of additional guidance
- In need of increased attention
- In need of increased self-esteem
- In need of an adult role model
- Not a chronic discipline problem; the student must be capable of responsible and respectful behavior.

Often the students that are in need of such a program are the students “in the middle.” Many chronic disciplinary problem students receive much attention and their cases are often on file. This program is designed to offer assistance to those students that by given extra attention and by given positive interaction can potentially succeed at WHS.

List of Potential Activities for Mentors:

- Monitor student grades and offer encouragement/support.
- Offer assistance with organizational skills; often a key aspect in poor academic performance.
- Call parents when a grade has improved; ex. a “D” to “B” may not warrant a call home from teacher, but from a mentor it is the attention they need.
- Arrange a goal setting session with student and offer rewards if achieved. Send out for lunch; movie pass; etc...
- Find out their positive interests and share information for them to build upon. Ex. If they are interested in baseball provide rec. league info. If they have an interest in art provide info about art shows/books/classes/etc...
- Support them in any school extra curricular activity. Attend a concert, sporting event, play, etc..
- Communicate with their teachers on all aspects of the student. If you have information or insight about the student it may help teachers understand the student better.

*If you have any questions regarding the WHS Mentoring Program please call 440 250-1004 or email Mr. May at May@wlake.org.



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