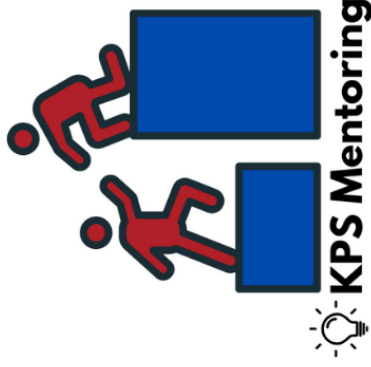




Mentoring Program Structure

- Student to mentor ratio is 3:1.
- Duration: 30 minutes during the students' lunch period.
- Frequency: Once a week.
- Mentoring themes: Focus on students' dreams, interests, goals, and aspirations.



We are recruiting organizations and individuals to provide mentors to positively impact the lives of KPS students.



KPS Mentoring

A mentoring program that serves Kalamazoo Public Schools students

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Mentoring Focus

- Connect students with caring adults in small groups to focus on their strengths, interests and dreams.
- Give adults the opportunity to learn more about and strengthen relationships with students.
- Encourage students to pursue their vision and aspirations.

"A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself."
— Oprah Winfrey

Benefits for Mentees

- They are encouraged to see the world from a fresh perspective.
- They can build relationships.
- They can begin to set goals for the future.
- They learn to build confidence and social skills.

Mentoring Program Objectives

- To place caring, competent, and consistent men and women as mentors in Kalamazoo Public Schools.
- To have mentees demonstrate increased Social Emotional Learning skills that protect them from a wide range of risk-taking behaviors.
- To have mentees become self-aware of the importance of increasing reading, math and writing skills and make a commitment to school, thus reducing academic failure and dropout rates.
- To have mentees master new skills and develop a sense of belonging and bonding among peers, family, and the community, thus reducing anti-social behavior and alienation.
- To develop an ongoing positive and trusting relationship between mentors and mentees.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou

The Process

- Mentoring program coordinators will serve as liaisons and manage mentoring process between community organizations and the schools.
- Schools select student mentees, with parental approval.
- Mentors are assigned to a group of up to three students who meet with the mentor 30 minutes a week during their lunch period.

