

Barrow County School System Mentor Program

Making a Difference One Child at a Time



Information and Permission Packet
for
Parents & Guardians

Please complete this packet and return it to the
Mentor Coordinator at your school.

SCHOOL LETTERHEAD

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been chosen to participate in the *Barrow County School System Mentor Program*. In the program, your child will be matched with an adult volunteer mentor who will meet with him/her at school during school hours. The mentor will act as an adult role model and as a source of friendship and encouragement.

The mentors that have volunteered for our program have submitted to a criminal background check by the Barrow County Sheriff's Office and have attended an orientation. We respect your role as a parent and will provide an opportunity for you to meet the mentor if you desire. The activities between your child and the mentor will be closely monitored and structured by the mentor coordinator at our school.

Our school feels that your child will benefit from having a mentor and hopes the relationship will lead to increased self-esteem, and emotional development. We feel that these caring adult volunteers will make an excellent contribution to the quality of education in our school.

The mentor will spend approximately one-half to one hour each week with your child in the school setting. The mentor will act as a role model, listener and friend. Mentors are not meant to be tutors, though they may sometimes help mentees in academic areas.

The *Barrow County School System Mentor Program* is an in-school program only. If your child's mentor wishes to take him/her to a community event, he/she assumes liability, and should get written permission from you each time. These outings will not be recognized as part of the *Barrow County School System Mentor Program*.

Mentors are asked NOT to provide gifts or money to their mentee. Please make sure your child understands this. Mentors give their time. Time is their most valuable asset.

Ask your child about their mentor visits. If you have any questions or concerns about the program at any time, please contact the school and talk with the mentor coordinator, the school counselor, the principal, or your child's teacher.

Please complete the attached "Letter of Consent." The signed consent form will place your child on the waiting list in order to be assigned a mentor. Getting matched may take some time, because mentors are requested by all of the public schools in the Barrow County School District. Without signed consent, your child will not be assigned to a mentor.

Please contact the individual below if you have any questions about the Barrow County School System Mentor Program. We think this will be a great experience for your child!

SCHOOL MENTOR COORDINATOR SIGNATURE
CONTACT INFORMATION



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BARROW COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM MENTOR PROGRAM



LETTER OF CONSENT

Please sign below and return to your child's school.

My child, _____, has my permission to participate in the Barrow County School System Mentor Program at his/her school. I have read the mentor letter, understand the expectations and agree to follow them. If I choose, I may remove my child from participation in this program at any time and will inform the school if that happens.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Date)

(Daytime phone number)