Why should you have a mentor?

For several years, Peak Education has provided you with group programming and opportunities to help you reach your potential. Now that you are entering the last year or two of high school, you have the opportunity to sign up for a Peak Education Community Mentor. Mentors volunteer their time to work one-on-one with a junior or senior for one to two years (or beyond). As a professional adult who is neither your teacher nor your parent, a mentor can help guide you on your journey by sharing their experiences, their expertise, and their professional networks as you explore your college and career interests. Mentors can also help you with your college and scholarship applications and essays, supporting and enhancing what Peak Ed’s college counseling program does and providing another perspective. Mentors are an important additional source of support, coaching, connection and accountability—someone else in your corner who wants to see you succeed.

Peak Education’s Program

All mentors and mentees meet as a group three or four times a year. In addition, each mentor/mentee pair sets up their own monthly meetings based on their own schedules. Topics vary according to the mentee’s grade in school, the mentor’s unique expertise, and their mutual interests, but will include goal-setting, college exploration, accessing scholarships, managing time and money, and giving back to the community. Peak Ed will provide a calendar of topics and programs for the year in August and share resources and suggested activities over the course of the year. Some mentors and mentees keep in touch throughout the month through texts and/or emails, but this is up to the individual pairs.

When possible, the mentor pairs remain together through both 11th and 12th grades. Once you graduate from high school, you and your mentor may choose to maintain an informal relationship as you enter college. After your first year of college, you are invited to become a mentor yourself in our Near-Peer mentoring program, sharing your experience with 9th and 10th Peak Ed students, a great opportunity which also comes with a stipend to help fund your college expenses!
Mentee Expectations

- Communicate in a timely and consistent manner with mentor and mentor coordinator and honor commitment to the program
- Attend an in-person meet & greet match launch to establish pairs Thursday, September 9th at 5:30 pm with mentors, mentees and their families.
- Attend scheduled monthly meetings (phone-calls/video conferences/meetings in public) with your mentor
- Participate in November “give back” service activity with mentor Saturday, November 6th with group at Care and Share (or an alternative date/place scheduled individually with mentor)
- Participate in a “Just for Fun” activity in December (TBD)
- Attend end of year celebration event in May
- Fill out a program evaluation at end of program
- Reach out to Anne Taylor at Peak Education with questions or concerns

Mentee Parent/Guardian Expectations

- Encourage mentee to stay in communication with their mentor
- Attend an in-person meet & greet match launch to establish Thursday, September 9th at 5:30 pm with mentors, mentees and their families.
- Reach out to Anne Taylor Peak Ed with questions or concerns

Program Timeline: September 2021-May 2022
Application Deadline: July 26th, 2021

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