



School-Based Mentoring **Senior Friend Job Description**

A mentor is someone who has found ways to succeed in life and cares enough to pass those lessons along.

General description of the program and of the Senior Friend's role:

The Best Friends Mentoring Program matches at-risk children age 6-16 in the Dickinson Public School with responsible, caring adult role models. A Senior Friend provides a one-to-one friendship with a child who needs a positive role model, tutoring help, or support to stay in school. Senior Friends meet with their Junior Friends at the child's school during lunch (lunch buddies) or after school (after-school buddies).

Senior Friend Responsibilities:

- Spend at least 1 hour per week at school with the Junior Friend
- Be prompt, courteous, and considerate
- Role model a positive, caring, and responsible lifestyle
- Attend program orientation and at least 1 other training session per year
- Submit a log of time spent volunteering with the Best Friends program
- Keep confidential matters concerning the Junior Friend and Junior Friend's family
- Keep the office informed of address and phone number changes, and any extended absences or resignation.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be 16 years or older and at least a junior in high school
- Must enjoy spending time with children
- Must have time to consistently meet in person with a child one hour per week
- Must commit to the program for at least 9 months (one school year)
- Must consent to background and reference checks and complete an application form

Benefits:

- Build leadership and job skills while contributing to a child's later productivity, creativity, and community responsibility
- Make new friends
- Attend regular training for personal growth and development
- Share things you enjoy with someone who has similar interests
- Fill a void in a child's life
- **Have fun!**

Supervisor: Reports to the Executive Director or Program Coordinator for the Best Friends Mentoring Program.