

**“Everyone needs
someone in their life
to listen and
encourage them
without performance
expectations.”**

*Mark Grisdale,
Principal, Tompkins High School*



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**KEYS Mentoring
The Mentor Program**

There is PROVEN SUCCESS in KEYS Mentoring

To learn more about the KEYS Mentoring Program and how it has transformed the lives of students, please contact your child's campus counselor or Cydney Wright at CydneyJWright@katyisd.org.

79% of KEYS students decreased absences

88% of KEYS students decreased discipline referrals

88% of KEYS students increased grades



The turning point in many of our lives is when someone we respected and admired declared, **"I believe in you."** A KEYS mentor can be that person for a Katy ISD student. They are guides, teachers, coaches, listeners, role models, advocates, cheerleaders and more.

The KEYS Mentor Program matches a caring adult with a student one hour, once a week during the school year to build a relationship, trust, confidence and more. Our primary focus is on relationship building rather than tutoring, although we've found that increased student academic success often occurs.

What is a mentor?

A mentor is someone who understands that the greatest gift any of us can give is our time. Mentors give the time it takes to slowly, gently build a relationship into a friendship.

Steps to become a mentor:

- Review, understand and agree to KEYS program expectations.
- Complete KEYS Mentoring Application and pass required background check.
- Complete the district-required registration process and create your volunteer profile.
- Commit to the program for at least one school year.
- Plan to visit your mentee once per week, on campus, during the school day- and keep that promise.

1. KEYS Mentoring Application



2. District Volunteer Registration



Who are KEYS kids?

KEYS students are referred to the KEYS program based on grades, discipline referrals, absences or family circumstances. The student and parents must both agree to program participation.

Who are KEYS campus liaisons?

KEYS liaisons support each unique mentor/student relationship by facilitating their initial connection then serving as a chief advisor and friend.

KEYS Mentor Program expectations:

Katy ISD has procedures in place to ensure compliance with federal, state, local laws and school board policies. These restrictions exist to protect students and the adults who lead them, and prevent any appearance of impropriety on the part of individual KEYS mentors.

- KEYS mentors should have **no contact** with their mentee outside of Katy ISD staff supervision.
- KEYS mentors should have **no contact** with their mentee's parent or guardian.
- Physical contact between mentor and mentee other than a handshake or pat on the back is prohibited.
- Anything your mentee tells you is confidential unless abuse or illegal activity is involved, in which case mentors are required by law to immediately notify their KEYS liaison.
- Consult your KEYS liaison regarding conversations that make you uncomfortable. Avoid and redirect personal topics such as religion, sexuality...etc.
- KEYS mentors must adhere to all campus and district policies.
- Any gifts must be given of nominal value.