



BULLDOG BUDDIES

A BRIGHTER FUTURE ONE CHILD AT A TIME



WHY DO CHILDREN NEED MENTORS?

- Children with mentors are less likely to skip school, try illegal drugs and engage in other risky behaviors
- Children with mentors are more likely to graduate high school
- Children with mentors are happier and better communicators
- Children with mentors are more likely to seek higher education

WHAT MAKES A GOOD MENTOR?

- Patience – often it will take time for your buddy to open up to you and even more time before you see results
- Realizing your limitations– you are part of a team who cares for your buddy. If you are presented with something you do not feel comfortable with, contact Bright Futures or the counselor

WHAT MAKES A GOOD MENTOR?

- Honesty – your buddy will benefit from hearing about times that you were successful and times that you were not
- Goals – help your buddy make short and long term goals for themselves
- Positive Affirmation - give honest praise when your buddy succeeds

BASIC PROCEDURES

- It is a good idea to call before visiting to make sure your buddy is at school
- Always enter through the Main Office door
- Sign in and out
- You will be provided with a Bulldog Buddy nametag