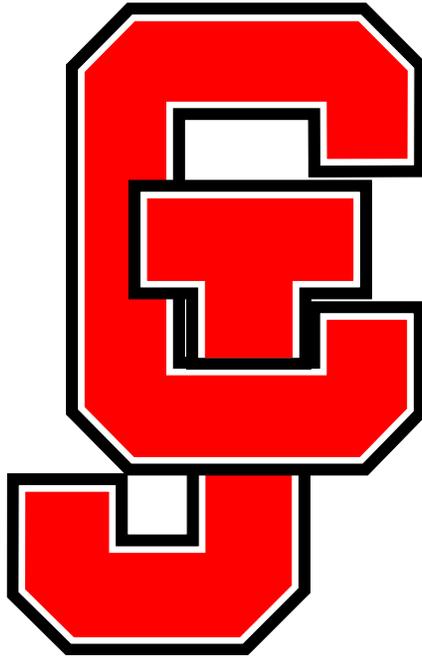


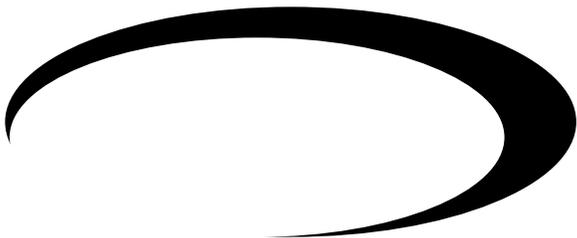
Children with Mentors are:

- ◆ *More likely to graduate*
- ◆ *Less likely to skip school*
- ◆ *Happier*
- ◆ *Less likely to try illegal drugs*
- ◆ *More self-confident*
- ◆ *Better communicators*
- ◆ *More likely to seek higher education*



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What is a Bulldog Buddy?

Bulldog Buddies are volunteers who want to make a difference in the life of a student in the district. They meet with their assigned student to share either breakfast or lunch. Bulldog Buddies offer encouragement, support, and a listening ear. The 30 minutes Buddies spend together is often the highlight of the week.

What are the Qualifications?

- ◆ Commitment to spend 30 minutes with your Bulldog Buddy at least twice a month.
- ◆ High school graduate
- ◆ Respect for Buddy's confidentiality
- ◆ Desire to be a positive role model
- ◆ A willingness to listen and share

Why Should I Volunteer?

- ◆ Volunteering is fun
- ◆ Volunteering is fulfilling
- ◆ Volunteering increases confidence
- ◆ Volunteering combats depression
- ◆ Volunteers are healthier
- ◆ Volunteers make a difference

If you choose, you can purchase your meal from the school.

How do I get started?

When you decide to change a child's future by becoming a Bulldog Buddy, all you need to do is fill out an application and permission for a background check. These are available through the Bright Futures office by calling or emailing. You can also submit an online application through our web site. Once your paperwork is received, we will pair you with a student in the building of your choice. A permission slip is sent home with your student and when it is returned, you may start meeting with your student. We will call you to arrange your first meeting and make sure someone is there to introduce you to your Buddy.

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