



LRHS GRADUATION PROJECT

WE NEED FACULTY AND STAFF MENTORS!

Leesville Road High School is in need of Faculty and Staff Mentors from the surrounding schools for the Graduation Project. The Graduation Project is required in the state of North Carolina for graduation for students beginning with the class of 2010. The project is a culmination of skills learned throughout school that students use to answer an essential research question of the student's choosing. School employees from the surrounding schools can be fantastic mentors because along with being educators, they are also experts in their curriculum areas. School employees are valuable resources that can foster student growth by demonstrating their additional expertise in hobbies, interests, supplementary jobs, and community volunteer roles - all of which could be vital for students working on their Graduation Projects.

FAQ about Community Mentors

Who can be a Community Mentor?

- * Must be 25 years old or older and be willing to spend time and give advice to students on topics related to your profession or hobby.
- * Mentors must register as a Level 4 with WCPSS Volunteer System at the Leesville Road High School Career Center, Media Center or other WCPSS site). Once mentors have been cleared by security, they will be automatically added to the GP High School Mentor Database.

When would I start?

- * Students will begin to contact Mentors during the junior year.
- * Actual start time will be determined by the Mentor and the student.

What would I have to do?

- * Complete the Mentor Consent Form.
- * Help the student brainstorm and design the product.
- * Work professionally with the student for at least a minimum of 15 hours either face-to-face, email or over the phone.
- * Confirm contact hours by signing the work log.
- * Evaluate the student's effort and achievement.
- * Complete the Mentor Evaluation of Physical Product form.

Can a Family Member be the Student's Mentor?

- * Immediate family members cannot be a student's mentor.
- * However, a colleague or friend of a family may serve as a Mentor.

Student requirements for the Graduation Project

Portfolio

- * Key documents from each year
- * Reflection responses
- * Parent signature forms
- * Completed in 11th – 12 grades

Product

- * Extension and support of research paper
- * Physical/tangible project that the student creates
- * Supervision by Community Mentor and Faculty Advisor
- * Minimum of 15-hour time investment
- * Completion during student's 11th grade year

Paper

- * Student develops an essential question to guide their research.
- * Student completes draft during 11th grade English class.
- * Student finalizes paper during 12th grade English class.

Presentation

- * Student will present and explain their graduation project.
- * Student will complete an eight to ten minute oral presentation before a panel of community and school judges.
- * The Graduation Project will be completed during student's 12th grade year.

What do I need to get started?

- * Register to become a Mentor volunteer!
- * Contact Gwen Canada, Career Development Coordinator if you have any additional questions at gcanada@wcpss.net or call (919) 870-4263.