



LRHS GRADUATION PROJECT

WE NEED COMMUNITY MENTORS!

Leesville Road High School is in need of community mentors 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. Community members have the networking ability that will enable our students to tap an extensive resource of talented people to which students would not otherwise have access.

Who can be a Community Mentor?

- * Mentors 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.

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

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