

Webster School District
SNAPP (Students in Need of a Pat or Push)
Mentor Application
2023-2024 School Year
SNAPP Mentoring Application

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E Mail: _____

Availability:

What days of the week would you be available?

What times work the best for you?

Are there specific days/ times that you know that you will be gone?

Is there anything you feel we should be aware of?

Hobbies:

What skills have you acquired during your volunteer/ work experiences?

What things are you interested in, or good at, that you could possibly share with a student, like knitting, woodwork, chess, crafts, etc.?

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Background check:

We require a background check on all of our volunteers. Please go to our district website to fill out our background check form, please select the “School District of Webster Volunteer Application” tab.

<https://schooldistrictofwebster.quickapp.pro/positions>

If you do not have access to a computer, a paper version is available by request.

Mandated Reporter Training:

Since you will be working with school-aged youth, you will be required to complete an online **Mandatory Reporter Training**. You can complete this at home and bring a copy of the training certificate to school OR if you do not have internet access please contact one of the school counselors to set up a time to come into school and complete the training.

<https://media.wcwpds.wisc.edu/mandatedreporter/>

School Contacts:

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Basic Do's and Don'ts:

- You are welcome to bring your mentee a small gift for holidays/birthdays. Please do not feel that you need to bring your student gifts. Your time is a gift!
- If there is a game or activity you are interested in doing with your student, please let us know. We may have those resources on hand for you to use!
- Please let us know in advance if you can't make it to your scheduled mentoring day. We can always reschedule for a different day of the week.
- **If your mentee tells you that someone has: hurt him/her, that he/she is going to hurt someone else or herself, or that something else is going on that is reportable, please report it to the building counselor. This should be reported the day that student discloses this information to you.**
- **Maintain confidentiality.** Do not repeat information about your mentee outside of school.
- Reach out to the school counselor in the building your student attends at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

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The Starfish Story:
One Step Towards Changing the World by Peter Straube

Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves," the youth replied. "When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man replied, "But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really be able to make much of a difference."

The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, "It made a difference to that one!"
adapted from The Star Thrower, by Loren Eiseley (1907 – 1977)

What you do matters! Please remember that the time you spend with our students will have a lasting positive impact. Thank you so much for agreeing to become a mentor for the Webster SNAPP Program.