

DSABC History & Mission

DSABC was launched in 1990 with 40 mentor/student matches. The program has grown to 300 mentors that provide school-based mentoring to the 19 K-12 schools in the Danbury Public School system as well as Henry Abbott Technical School.

The mission of the Danbury Schools and Business Collaborative is to help Danbury Public School students achieve personal and academic success



Student Responsibilities To Their Mentor

- Go to school.
- Meet your mentor where you have agreed—the school is foreign to them—don't make them hunt for you.
- Be considerate—tell your mentor or school liaison in advance if you have to miss a meeting.
- Advise your mentor and school liaison when your schedule changes, or you are going to be away from school, absent or on a field trip, etc.



Teacher's Guide to the Mentor Program



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Frequently Asked Question by Teachers

Who recommends students for the program and why?: Teachers, guidance counselors, parents and students themselves. Sometimes students need a little extra one-on-one time to help maximize their potential. Mentors spend one hour per week with their mentee during school hours.

How many students are in the mentor program? Approximately 300 Danbury Public School students grades k-12. Many more are on wait list.

How are mentors selected & matched? Mentors go through a process which includes screening, interviewing, training, and criminal background checks. They are matched to the school based on their preference for grade level and often proximity to work/home. The School Liaison then matches new mentors with students based on skills and interests.

What does a mentor do? Mentors meet with students to talk and spend time one-on-one, do activities and games, sometimes assist with school work, and help create a positive school experience. The strength of this program is based on the relationship developed between the student and mentor.

What are the policies of the program? Mentors work with students during school hours on school grounds. Any special field trips authorized by the DSABC that take students off school property require a permission slip signed by the parent/guardian.

What if my student has poor behavior the day of mentoring? It is important to note that this should not be considered a reward or punishment. Students should not be barred from seeing their mentor.

What if the student doesn't like their mentor? After a trial period, if the relationship is not working the student can be re-matched with a new mentor.

Are there other benefits to the mentor program? DSABC provides scholarship to students graduating high school with their mentor of 4 or more years and completion of community service.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the program? You can seek out your school's DSABC liaison or contact DSABC directly at:

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