



CHAMP Program

What is it?

CHAMP Program is a community led student mentoring program for public schools in North Brevard County. Our local students have talents and interests that can help them be successful in school and life. Many of these students also have personal struggles that make choosing success more difficult. One of the greatest needs for youth is a positive role model to come alongside of them and encourage, motivate, support and navigate them towards a life of success. **CHAMP** stands for “Community Helps Achieve Maximum Potential”. The mission of the **CHAMP program** is for successful and caring individuals from the North Brevard community to invest in the lives of youth and empower students to reach their fullest potential.

Who is it?

CHAMP Program initiated at Astronaut High School & Madison Middle School with the goal of assisting all of its feeder schools to establish a mentoring plan. **CHAMP Program** is willing to multiply its efforts and duplicate its model to service additional schools in Brevard County.

Hope for North Brevard, Inc. is a nonprofit organization who is the catalyst for raising awareness, recruiting community mentors, increasing funding/support and assisting in the administration of the program.

How to get started?

- For mentors interested in volunteering for the 2017-2018 school year:
 1. Complete Champ Program Mentor Profile Form and return to school by August 14, 2017.
 2. Complete the BCPS online volunteer application (security level A PLUS) by August 14, 2017 located at <https://departments.brevardschools.org/sites/BPSVolunteer>.
 3. Complete fingerprinting at BCPS Viera Building by August 14, 2017. The cost of fingerprinting is \$42.50 and Hope for North Brevard is willing to reimburse this cost. Visit link above for more information.
 4. Attend the Champ Program Training Meeting at AHS Media Center on Friday, August 18, 2017 from noon-1:00pm. Lunch will be provided.
 5. Commit to 1 student for 30 minutes a day weekly for 1 school year beginning the week of September 11, 2017.

- For mentees:
 1. Students can request to be in **CHAMP Program** by completing & returning the Mentee Profile Form to school office.
 2. Students can be referred to the program through a parent, teacher, counselor or school administrator.
 3. Students must commit to meeting with mentor 30 minutes weekly for 1 school year beginning the week of September 11, 2017.

When and where is it done?

Astronaut High School

Mentoring can be done Monday-Thursday during the school's "Power Hour". Power Hour is an extended lunchtime that allows the students to eat as well as engage in other activities, such as connect with a teacher/counselor, attend a club meeting or meet with their **CHAMP** mentor. Power Hour is from 12:02-12:56 Mon/Tues/Thurs. Power Hour on Wednesday (early release day) is from 11:18-12:14. The mentor/mentee will agree on a 30 minute meeting with a consistent day and time each week. Mentors will check into the school office and meet their student in an approved on-campus public location during their agreed upon time/day.

Madison Middle School

Mentoring can be done before school during breakfast from 9-9:27 or during lunchtime Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri either 11:28-11:58, 12:03-12:33, or 12:39-1:09 (depending on the student's schedule). The mentor/mentee will agree on a 30 minute meeting with a consistent day and time each week. Mentors will check into the school office and meet their student in an approved on-campus public location during their agreed upon time/day.

How does it work?

Research shows that mentoring works to decrease disciplinary issues as well as increase school attendance and improve grades. **CHAMP Program** will train mentors to identify and enhance 40 developmental assets that will enable students to succeed in school and life. However, what truly makes mentoring work comes down to 3 simple messages that are continually conveyed during the mentoring relationship. Through the **CHAMP Program** students will hear "You are loved", "You are valuable", and "You are not alone". These core beliefs become the foundation that begin to change everything!

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