

“ My tutoring of a group of students who needed extra time and attention, gave the teacher more opportunity to focus on students who were reading and writing closer to grade level. It was a very natural and comfortable arrangement. The students I worked with really enjoyed the more individual attention that I was able to provide. ”

— Kindergarten volunteer, Agassiz Elementary School



SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Boston Partners in Education matches Boston Public School students in grades K-12 with volunteer academic mentors in response to teacher requests.

Our School Volunteer Program provides academic mentors to teacher-assigned students, either one-on-one or in small groups. Volunteer academic mentors work with students in reading, writing, and math, helping them to improve their grades and to achieve their goals on standardized tests such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). In addition to helping students build academic proficiency and test-taking skills, mentors help them to improve their social and study skills, verbal/speaking skills, self-confidence, and ability to work with other students.

All volunteers are screened according to the guidelines created by Boston Partners in Education for the Boston Public Schools. Volunteers complete an online application, are interviewed, and must complete a one-time training in mentoring in either math or English Language Arts. Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) background checks must also be conducted annually for all volunteers.

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