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Volunteering made me ... realize how much personal and individual attention means to a child. I felt like I made an important difference in the lives of children.

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-- Kindergarten volunteer, Blackstone 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 and 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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