

What is an Academic Mentor?

- Trained to help students in math, literacy and writing
- Make a year-long commitment to the same student or small group of students every week.
- Form a bond with their students that goes beyond academics.



How do I request an academic mentor?

- Select the students you feel would benefit from a mentor
- Fill out the request form at www.bostonpartners.org/vol_req_form.html
Be sure to indicate the times and days that you would like the volunteer academic mentor to come in!
- Our Placement Team will contact you when a match has been made.



"The tutoring helped me to get back on track and learn much more about different levels in math too."

Get Connected!

To learn more about Boston Partners in Education and how you can become involved please contact our Director of Placements,

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**Volunteer Academic Mentors Make
a Difference in Students' Lives**

HOW TEACHERS BENEFIT



The Role of Boston Partners in Education

- Boston Partners in Education recruits, trains, places and supports volunteers to work one-on-one and with small groups of students in grades K-12.
- Volunteers make a weekly commitment to work with their students in math or English Language Arts for the entire academic year.
- Registration process involves interview and COR/SORI background check.
- Volunteers attend 2.5 hour Mentor and Tutor training session.



"My volunteer did much to improve students' self-esteem and to encourage each child to strive to do his or her best." - 2nd grade teacher

Our Accomplishments in 2007-2008:

- Over 4,000 K-12 students in 61 schools were reached by 876 volunteers.
- 201 of 280 teacher requests were fully or partially filled.
- Our in-kind contribution to the Boston Public Schools was \$1.3 million.

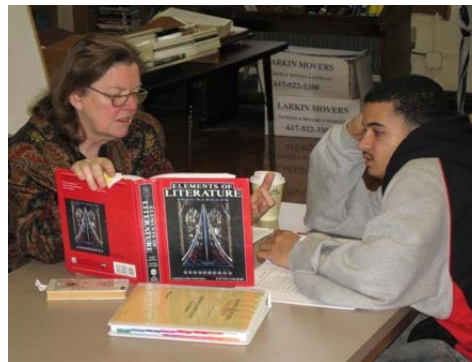
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will my classroom benefit?

- More time for you to work with the most-struggling students.
- Engage community members with your classroom and the school.
- Improve student attendance and engagement.

How do my students benefit?

- Individual attention means education tailored to their unique learning styles.
- If the student has a trustworthy mentor, s/he is more likely to take their suggestions.
- One-on-one attention for students who might not normally receive it.



Which students benefit most from academic mentors?

- Those who need some extra help in mastering basic skills.
- Those who need a slight boost to achieve their full potential.

- Those who are in need of a bit more individual attention.

Why not classroom assistants?

- Volunteers do not have the same level of engagement with students.
- Volunteers report being under-utilized in such settings.
- Students do not grow to trust their tutors.
- It's more work for you!

What is needed after the volunteer is placed?

- A few moments of your time each month to check in with your volunteer to share information about your students' needs and progress.
- Space for the pair to work in.
- Access to materials.
- Communication about field trips, testing, or other events that may affect scheduling.



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