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**Aspire Peer Mentoring:
Peer Mentor Program Application
2019-2020**

Name _____

Grade 11

(Only 11th grade students are eligible for this program)

Alpha ID _____

High School _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

What is the *Aspire Peer Mentor* program?

The purpose of the *Aspire Peer Mentor* program is to provide support for 9th grade students in their transition to the high school. The peer mentors are juniors who have shown an interest in and capacity for helping others.

What exactly to peer mentors do?

Peer Mentors give help and support to 9th grade students through one-on-one mentoring sessions. The primary goal of the *Aspire* Program is to increase the likelihood of students staying in school until graduation and to increase overall achievement. Each peer mentor will act as a friend, a listener, a role model, and motivator. Peer mentors are not tutors to help with academics, but can help students locate academic support on campus.

All mentoring activities take place during school days, on school grounds. A district employee is assigned at each school that oversees the mentoring program at the site level. Each mentor must commit to the following:

- Participate in the *Aspire Peer Mentoring* program for 2 years.
- Attend a mandatory 3-hour mentoring training on September 16th.
- Meet with each assigned mentee individually for a minimum of 30 minutes twice per month. Each mentor will be assigned to 2 students.
- Submit weekly electronic mentoring reflection logs.
- Attend monthly mentoring meetings held at school site.
- Attend 1 end-of-school-year school board meeting.

Each student who meets the above requirements and successfully participates as a peer mentor in the *Aspire Peer Mentoring* program for 2 school years will be eligible to receive a scholarship of \$800.

Applications are due to the School Counseling Office by **3:30pm on Friday, September 6th**. Along with your signature and a parent/guardian's signature at the bottom, please have 3 teachers sign to support your candidacy.

Submitting an application indicates your **commitment** to all of the responsibilities of this program.



1. Why do you want to be a peer mentor?

2. What do you bring to the program that would benefit the incoming 9th graders? Please include related examples of what makes you stand out amongst your peers.

3. Think back to when you were transitioning to the High School. What is one positive thing that made the transition easier, and what is one thing that you wish you had to make the transition easier?

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

***Please also obtain the signatures of three teachers who support your candidacy.**

Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____

Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____

Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____