



FRESHMAN FOCUS: MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

All A&M members have the opportunity to give back to DHS by helping us to make every Freshman feel welcomed and supported. If you want to leave a lasting, positive impact on the culture of DHS then please consider serving as a Freshman Mentor.

Here is some information about the freshman program:

- **Freshman Focus:** Is a focus on creating positive habits, establishing the norm of increased student engagement in our school, and enhancing the culture of DHS by providing students with strategies for problem solving. This will include specific Freshman Seminars focused on academics, upperclassmen mentoring of Freshman during Connections, and after school social activities (example: Home Football Game/5th Quarter)
- **Freshman Mentor:** A&M students committing to mentoring specific Freshman throughout the year. They will be assigned to regular seminars but will travel to Freshman seminars during Connections.
- **Connections:** planned specific activities for Mentors and Freshman - most often occur during specific seminars.

We are looking for outgoing and caring students who wish to make De Soto High School a better place. Freshmen Mentors will visit Freshman Seminars approximately 1-2 times per month. We are looking forward to having a diverse group of mentors leading our freshmen.

Is this you?

- Good listener
- Good speaker
- Ability to work with others
- Involved, but not over-extended
- Confident
- Respect for diversity
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Spirited (willing to be "silly")
- History of following school rules
- Completes tasks in a timely manner •
- Engaging of others
- Considered a leader by peers
- Considered a leader by adults
- Shows concern for others

If selected, you will be assigned to a team of Freshmen Mentors that will work with the same Freshman Seminar Teacher all year long. You will also be assigned to approximately five freshmen to be "your" freshmen. It will be your responsibility to act as a big brother/sister to these freshmen and assist them in making the transition from middle school to high school. Your Freshmen Mentor team will assist in running the Freshman only first day, "Kick-Off day". You will also make multiple visits (1-2 times per month) during the fall semester and spring semester to work with your Freshmen Seminar.

Specifically, we are looking for the following commitments:

- Week before school starts: Mentor Training and Celebration
- First day of school (Freshman half day) - Freshman Kick-Off Day
- Attend all Freshmen Mentor “Connections” meetings during Seminar and after school during 1st and 2nd semester (after school activities include attending some home extra/co-curricular activities)