



HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The High School Leadership Program (HSLP) engages high school students as peer-to-peer mentors to local elementary school youth. High School mentors commit to spending one hour a week at the elementary school site with their mentee for a minimum of at least one school year.

HSLP provides a balance between structured, hands-on activities and flexibility for pairs to develop deep, genuine relationships. Younger students receive the benefits of having a peer mentor from their community as a role model while developing socio-emotional learning skills. High school students gain leadership experience and support from BBBS staff as they prepare for their post-secondary plans.



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The High School Leadership Program (HSLP) is designed to develop strong, trusting relationships and opportunities to develop social and emotional learning (SEL) skills within the school setting. HSLP provides a unique opportunity to foster meaningful, personal connections and grow relevant social and academic skills between different generations of students.



HSLP provides a carefully developed and planned curriculum supported by a BBBS staff member. One-to-one mentoring matches meet every week in a school setting to spend time together and engage in activities planned by BBBS staff. The HSLP program will: 1) nurture strong, genuine relationships; 2) grow leadership competencies in mentors and mentees; 3) build social-emotional skills linked to academic and social development; and 4) prepare students for future education and career opportunities. The mentoring relationship provides both the younger and older students with a meaningful relationship and the opportunity to learn and grow together. This is the lever that drives impact within our matches and our community as a whole.



Mentoring Supports Academic Achievement and Empowers Potential

BENEFITS FOR HIGH SCHOOL MENTORS:

- ▶ Increase awareness and commitment to community
- ▶ Acquire leadership skills and be a positive influence and mentor
- ▶ Strengthen intrapersonal communication, conflict resolution, and empathy skills
- ▶ Gain service-learning hours

BENEFITS FOR ELEMENTARY MENTEES:

- ▶ Relationship with a peer-to-peer positive role model
- ▶ Build and maintain healthy relationships
- ▶ Learning to make positive life choices
- ▶ Increase pro-social behavior, attendance, and academics
- ▶ Develop feelings of competency and self-efficacy