

“You find out everyone has a story and not every story is the same with every kid. These kids just need someone to encourage and support them.”

Greg Crenshaw, Mentor



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Realizing Potential
Parent Resource Guide

For over 20 years,
KEYS (Keep Encouraging Youth towards Success) has sparked hope and transformed lives one student, one mentor at a time.

Offered at every campus in every grade level, the KEYS Mentor Program's primary focus is on relationship building, rather than tutoring. Teachers, counselors and school administrators identify students who are good candidates for the program while Katy ISD Partners in Education recruits mentors from the community.

KEYS mentors come from varied backgrounds, experiences and age groups. Each has a heart for students and a willingness to volunteer. Each KEYS mentor must make a one school year commitment to the program, apply and pass the same criminal background check used for Katy ISD employees and attend a campus orientation. Mentors are placed with a student by the KEYS campus liaison who will support and supervise the relationship. Mentors and their mentees meet each week on campus in an open, monitored environment such as the library.

As the parent or guardian of a KEYS program candidate, it's important for you to know that:

- All KEYS mentors are carefully trained and supervised by Katy ISD administrators.
- Your written permission is required and your child must agree to participate in the program.
- KEYS parents and guardians are expected to support the following KEYS Mentor Program expectations:
 - KEYS mentors should have no contact with their mentee outside of Katy ISD staff supervision.
 - KEYS mentors should have no contact with their mentee's parent or guardian.
- If at any time you wish to withdraw your student from the program, you may do so.

There is **PROVEN SUCCESS** in KEYS Mentoring

To learn more about the KEYS Mentoring Program and how it has transformed the lives of students, please contact your child's campus counselor or Cydney Wright at CydneyJWright@katyisd.org.

79% of KEYS students decreased absences

88% of KEYS students decreased discipline referrals

88% of KEYS students increased grades

