

Mentor Family FAQ'S

Q: What is a mentor family?

A: Mentor families would be paired with a new student and their family. Student's would be paired with someone in their same grade and with the same gender. A mentor family would be responsible for connecting with their new student/family periodically throughout the school year.

Q: What would my responsibilities be as a mentor family?

A: Contact information would be shared with both parties, so that mentors can reach out to their new students and families and also for new students/families to reach out to their mentor family with any questions. Mentor families should try to connect before school starts if possible, or plan to meet up during the Back to School Open House in August. Mentors would be responsible for reaching out, checking in, and answering any questions that new students and families would have, as well as invite them to school functions and activities, etc. Current students would be the new student's mentors- showing them around school/classes, etc and introducing them to others in the school. Parents would be available to the new parents/families for questions or support throughout the year as well.

Q: What if I am not connecting well with the student/family that I am paired with?

A: We try to pair students and families with mentors who have similar interests, or hobbies, etc. Of course, you are not responsible for their happiness, friendships, or success. We are always here to help answer questions, send out e-mail templates for reaching out to your mentor families, and help support you however we can throughout the year! If the relationship between your mentor family is not going well, please let us know right away so we can help find the right fit for you!

Q: What is the commitment level of being a mentor family?

A: The commitment would be for the school year. E-mail templates will be sent out for you to use throughout the school year as a way to check in with your new students/families. You are also welcome to put in as much effort as you would like to reach out on your own and build relationships with your mentor family.

Q: What is a Kindergarten Mentor Parent?

A: Since Kindergarten students do not have their own mentors, each kindergarten class will have a mentor parent instead. Mentor parents are responsible for reaching out to the Kindergarten class they are assigned to, and also connecting with the other Kindergarten Mentor parents periodically if needed. The mentor parent would check in throughout the school year with parents in their assigned classroom (via e-mail) and plan the occasional get together or outside of school activity to promote community and build relationships. In the past, parents have organized playground play dates after school at the LCA playground, or gathered outside at someone's home, etc.

The overall goal of being a mentor family is to make new students and families feel welcomed, and make connections within the Legacy community. Please let us know if you have any additional questions. You may reach us in the admissions office at admissions@lcamn.org, or 763-316-6250.



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