

## MENTOR FAMILY FAQ

**Q: What is a mentor family?**

A: Mentor families are 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 is 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 are responsible for reaching out, checking in, and answering any questions that new students and families have as well as inviting 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 should 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, but we do want them to feel included and welcomed. We are always here to help answer questions 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 is for the school year, but most of the connecting happens as school starts. Just make sure 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. Some families will plan to go to dinner after the Open House, others will meet at a park, and some will just make a call. Do what works for you and what makes the family feel welcome.

**Q: What is a Preschool or Kindergarten Mentor Parent?**

A: Since Preschool and Kindergarten students do not have their own mentors, each class will have a mentor parent instead. Mentor parents are responsible for reaching out to the class they are assigned to, and also connecting with the other 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 playdates after school at the Legacy 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](mailto:admissions@lcamn.org), or 763.316.6250.

