



570

students in high school
are part of iMentor's
Bay Area program

Mentoring for College Success

Today, a college degree is critical to ensure the long-term success and prosperity of a young person. That's why your child's school has partnered with iMentor: to empower every student in the school to graduate high school ready for college and succeed once they're there.

Through the iMentor program, your child, along with every student in his or her grade, will be matched with a volunteer mentor who is solely dedicated to supporting his or her success. Each mentor-mentee pair works together for three years, from 11th grade through the first year of college.

HOW IT WORKS



iMentor partners each student with a mentor for a minimum of 3 years.



Once a week, students communicate online with their mentors.



Mentee-mentor pair meet once a month for group events.

Mentors and mentees will communicate online and meet in-person to help students gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in college. This includes social, planning, communications, and leadership skills; information about colleges and financial aid; and help with the college application process. No matter the post-secondary path your child chooses, he or she will have the support of a mentor every step of the way.

Research has shown that mentoring is highly effective in guiding students through high school and leading them to college success. That's why two high schools in Bay Area have selected iMentor to run a college-success mentoring program in their schools, with more than 570 students currently benefiting from mentors.

iMentor and Schools: A Partnership for College Success

The iMentor program is fully integrated into your child's school. Students take an iMentor class once a week during the school day, co-taught by an iMentor program manager and a teacher at the school. All of iMentor's program managers are certified college counselors.

Students communicate online with their mentors once a week during their class session and meet in-person once a month at group events at the school or on a nearby college campus. Our staff supervises all iMentor events. Through these interactions, mentee-mentor pairs work together through our curriculum, focusing on four goals:

- *Developing strong personal relationships*
- *Nurturing a college aspiration*
- *Building the essential life skills needed for college success*
- *Navigating the college application process*

You are welcome to attend our events to meet your child's mentor and iMentor program manager. Our staff is available to you to answer any questions.

Mentors You Can Trust

Our mentors are all college-educated professionals who live or work in the Chicago area. They come from a variety of backgrounds and professional fields, many from our corporate partners, like Google and Goldman Sachs. We match students and mentors based on shared personal, academic, and career interests.

The safety of our students is our highest priority. Our screening process is rigorous and comprehensive. All mentors are fingerprinted based on the Department of Education guidelines and must pass a comprehensive background check. Through a program called "Go Pass," mentors are continuously screened while involved with the iMentor program. Once accepted, we train mentors before they begin working with students, and then continually coach them as needed. Our staff also monitors communication between students and mentors to ensure the quality and safety of each interaction.

We are excited to provide the best mentoring program for your child and to get him or her prepared for college success.