Become a Parkrose Mentor Help Young People Develop and Practice Language and Math Skills

Join us as a Parkrose Mentor and enrich your life while sharing your time and skill with a young person who is at a critical stage of development. As a mentor, you meet with an elementary or middle school student in person or online one to two times a week for 30-45 minutes to help them develop and practice their language skills. Some mentors help elementary students with math skills. Currently, the program is offered at Prescott Elementary and Parkrose Middle School, both in Northeast Portland.

As a Parkrose Mentor, you can:

- Forge a personal friendship with your student and offer emotional support and a sense of stability.
- Read with your student using different teaching tools to improve their level of fluency and to foster a love of reading (Books are suggested by the school and provided by SAGE to students and mentors). Math support is offered with the guidance of the school's math faculty.
- Help student with homework if appropriate and needed.

How to sign up:

- Contact SAGE (see info below) and we'll help you.
- Become a Parkrose School District volunteer by filling out their form and completing a background check.
- Complete the Safe Schools requirement training online.

Other things you should know:

- It is not necessary to have a teaching credential, but it is critical to love children.
- If you mentor in person, you must be able to go to the school. If you mentor online, you must have online capability utilizing Google Meet (we can help and train you). As of now, only middle school students have the option to be mentored online.
- Parkrose Mentors are invited to attend monthly online educational meetings with other mentors on enrichment topics, continuing education, and to share learning with each other.
 - ✓ <u>Flexible time commitment</u>. As a Parkrose Mentor, we will help you and your student find an optimal time for mentoring that works for your schedules. We ask that you commit to serve as a Parkrose Mentor for the entire school year.



Why serve as a Parkrose Mentor

I had a teacher who changed my life. The SAGE Mentoring program has given me the opportunity to pass on this gift to another young person. I am grateful. - Mentor

This program has been a wonderful experience for me. My student is so happy to see me and so willing to continue learning. - Mentor