MENTORED PATHWAYS

District, School, and Mentored Pathway Commitments

Mentored Pathways provides real-world STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) opportunities for students and teachers while supporting work in other areas such as English, geography and the arts. Mentored Pathways also helps students develop solid education and career plans, create and leverage professional networks, and execute and refine these plans over multiple years. Professionals from 22 countries have supported over 47,000 students since 1995.

What must school districts do to successfully partner with Mentored Pathways?

- Identify district curriculum goals and school performance objectives that are met through mentor-supported, curriculum-based STEM projects, and career exploration and education planning projects
- Collaborate with Mentored Pathways staff to articulate the district's goals and objectives relative to a Mentored Pathways partnership
- Develop a Mentored Pathways team comprised of district-level administrators, principals and teachers who commit to participating in meetings with Mentored Pathways staff twice over the course of a semester
- Provide funding to support the program at $200 per student per project
- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding that defines the expectations and deliverables of the district

What must schools and teachers do to successfully partner with Mentored Pathways?

- Visit www.mentoredpathways.org to review successful Mentored Pathways projects from around the world
- Identify successful teachers who have excellent skills in collaboration, project-based learning and technology integration, and who agree to meet the minimum program requirements
- Work with Mentored Pathways staff to develop projects that meet and enrich existing education goals and ensure alignment with curriculum standards and best practices
- Ensure teachers and students have reliable computers and a consistent connection to the Internet
- Ensure teachers communicate once each week with the mentors who support their students and respond to Mentored Pathways staff communications within 48 hours
- Ensure students communicate with mentors twice each week through Mentored Pathways secure website
- Ensure teachers and students complete the end-of-project survey

What will school districts, schools and teachers receive from Mentored Pathways?

- Project development support to ensure alignment with curriculum standards and best practices
- Mentor recruitment from industry business leaders and Fortune 500 companies
- Teacher and student support in the application process and project goal attainment
- Continuous monitoring of student progress and mentor engagement
- Correspondence logs, end-of-project surveys and evaluation
- Project summaries which are featured on Mentored Pathways website in a downloadable format
- Promotion of school and project success on Mentored Pathways website, through its sponsor organizations, and through its blog and social media platforms
- 24-hour turn around (or sooner) on all communication
- Coming soon: Electronic student-owned portfolios that showcase student work throughout their academic career

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