HOOVER PYRAMID MENTORING PROGRAM

**Mission Statement:** Caring adults assisting students to improve their school performance and academic achievement.

**Services Provided:** The Mentoring Program connects students to adult volunteers who provide encouragement and support for the students to be successful in school. Mentors and students are matched based on student needs and mentor strengths.

The academic mentor builds a relationship with the student and assists with school work that helps the student progress toward graduation. Mentoring is a supportive relationship between a person who is facing challenges and a more experienced, caring person who takes the time to provide: Motivation, Encouragement, Emotional support, Improved self esteem, Improved academic skills.

**Mentors:** The adult volunteers are members of the Hoover community – business and professional, parents, retired persons, school staff, and college students. They are carefully selected based on their interest in working with students.

**Students:** Students are selected because of their desire and need for help in reaching their potential. Many students are referred by a teacher, counselor, or parent, while others request to be matched with a mentor.

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