



MERIT Directory of School Mentorship Programs in Greater Houston

Several independent school districts (ISDs) in the greater Houston area offer mentor programs, each with different focus areas. Many districts have community-based mentorship programs for students, while others focus on providing support for new teachers. It would be great to see our Muslim community volunteering in these spaces and empowering all youth.

Aldine ISD

- **Lighthouse Mentorship Project:** District leaders serve as mentors for third-, fifth-, and eighth-grade students to provide social, emotional, and academic support.

Alief ISD

- **Alief Reads: Literacy MENTors:** A reading initiative in which male volunteers read to third-grade classrooms once a month.
- **STEM Mentor Program:** Volunteers work with students one-on-one at schools to serve as role models and help with academic and social development.

Clear Creek ISD

- **B.R.I.D.G.E.S. Mentor Program:** Community volunteers mentor students facing academic, social, or personal challenges at specific campuses.
- **G.R.O.W. Mentoring Program:** Run by Communities in Schools—Bay Area, this program matches caring adults with students in Clear Creek ISD.
- **Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students):** An initiative that engages fathers and father figures as volunteers to serve as positive male role models on campus.

Cypress-Fairbanks (CFISD)

- **CFISD Mentor Program:** Pairs volunteers from the community, local businesses, and faith-based organizations with students from elementary through high school.
- **imPACT Tutors:** This program, related to the CFISD Mentor Program, places parent and community volunteers with students for academic support in reading and math.

Fort Bend ISD

- **Uplift Mentor Program:** Matches community members and district employees with students across all grade levels for academic, social, and emotional support.
- **Peer-to-Peer Mentoring:** High school upperclassmen mentor freshmen, and middle school eighth graders mentor sixth graders to help with grade-level transitions.

Houston ISD (HISD)

- **EMERGE Mentor Program:** Connects high school seniors who are first-generation college students with leading Houston-area professionals to help with college and career goals.
- **Ascending to Men (ATM):** A project that pairs students with mentors to help with educational, social, and professional growth.
- **Resilient Outstanding Sisters Exemplifying Success (ROSES):** This program is designed to mentor underserved female students to help with post-secondary educational and career goals.

Katy ISD

- **KEYS (Keep Encouraging Youth toward Success):** A district-wide program that pairs community mentors with students of all ages. Mentors meet one-on-one with a student for one hour each week.

Klein ISD

- **Klein ISD Mentor Program:** Community volunteers are paired one-on-one with students from elementary through high school for encouragement and support.

Lamar CISD

- **LAMP Mentoring Program:** Mentors serve as positive role models to help students make positive choices and build essential life skills.

Spring Branch ISD

- **SpringBoard Mentoring:** Community mentors assist students in grades 3–12 with guidance, encouragement, and support.
- **Collegiate Challenge:** Mentors work with high school seniors on college preparation, including admissions, scholarships, and financial aid applications.

Spring ISD

- **"The Vine" Mentoring Program:** Pairs students with caring adult mentors for guidance, coaching, and support to advance their leadership and communication skills.