

## HOSTS Mentor Program for PISD

### **Help One Student to Succeed Program (Early Childhood Grades K-2)**

The HOSTS program is a nationally acclaimed mentoring program designed to dramatically impact the academic, social and emotional growth of students. HOSTS matches students with trained business and community volunteer mentors as well as cross-age mentors who work to strengthen students' reading, writing, vocabulary development, study skills and thinking skills. Mentors provide role models of successful people who motivate, support, and provide individual student attention.

HOSTS is not a curriculum, but an instructional strategy that is tailored to PISD's Language Arts objectives and philosophies.

Any person who wants to help a student succeed in school is qualified to be a HOSTS Mentor. You will be guided by specific, prepared lesson plans and given help throughout the year to ensure a successful experience for you and the child/children that you mentor. School professionals are available at all times. As little as 1/2 hour a week would be greatly appreciated. Schedules are arranged with mentors so they are assured of working at a specific time on a regular basis. This allows the program to fit with busy schedules, and also allows volunteers to establish a relationship with the student they are mentoring.

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