Be a Middle School Mentor

Middle school is a critical time for youth. They make decisions during these years that have far-reaching consequences. By matching these students with successful mentors, they get a positive role model right when it means the most.

MEASURABLE IMPACT

3,400+ students involved in Be A Middle School Mentor since 2009

350+ students across 21 school buildings

91% of mentees have at least a 90% school attendance rate

In addition to the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Be A Middle School Mentor is now serving students in Clairton City, McKeesport Area and Woodland Hills School Districts.

BE A MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTOR:

• Is the largest mentoring initiative in our region’s history
• Began in 2009 as Be a 6th Grade Mentor in eight Pittsburgh Public Schools
• Launched the first career-focused mentoring program at Pittsburgh Sci-Tech in 2015-16, with mentors from STEM-related career fields
• Is a one hour per week commitment for volunteers during the academic year
• Results in participating students demonstrating greater interest in school, academic success and eligibility for the Pittsburgh Promise
• Is an initiative of United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Communities In Schools Pittsburgh/Allegheny County, Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and the Consortium for Public Education