

## Struggling students need guidance and support to develop and thrive.

Individual mentoring helps students beyond the education that they receive in the classroom, helping them form a positive relationship with a caring mentor and set goals that put them on a path for success.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System (VIBES) Mentoring Program has supported children in all Bellevue schools for more than 25 years. VIBES provides a safety net for thousands of Bellevue students at every level who are at risk for academic failure or dropping out and has provided support for students with special needs or interests. VIBES helps students succeed in school by fostering personal growth and improving academic skills and work habits. This success is achieved by matching students with trained, caring, and dependable adult mentors who meet with students regularly. VIBES continues to evolve to better serve students with different needs.

### MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

The success of the program is evaluated each year by the number of students served and measurement of student improvement in personal growth, work habits, and academics. In 2016-17, VIBES served over 4,500 students through one-on-one mentors, classroom and group mentors. More than 60% of VIBES students matched one-to-one with mentors were from low-income households, 31% were learning English, and 36% had special needs.

*Budget: \$75,000; Timeline: Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2018*



*Last year, VIBES mentors served 4,587 students, helping them improve academic skills and study habits, and grow into capable young adults.*

### VIBES MENTORING PROGRAMS

**ONE-ON-ONE** mentors meet weekly with students who need help and guidance from a responsible adult mentor to help guide them through challenges.

**CLASSROOM** mentors support individual students or small groups of students. Their role in the classroom depends on the teacher. VIBES mentors may help students that need extra assistance that day or they may work with a small group of students selected by the teacher.

**AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination) mentors support the AVID student study skills program designed to help students who are not reaching their full potential complete a college preparatory path. AVID mentors provide study skills coaching and facilitate small group discussions.

**COLLEGE CORPS** mentors help high school seniors with college applications at the four comprehensive high schools. Many of these students are the first in their families to be on track to graduate from high school and attend college.

**STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) mentor program matches STEM professionals with students, classrooms, and after-school STEM activities at elementary, middle, and high schools.

**BIG PICTURE SCHOOL** mentors and internships are matched to every student in Bellevue's Big Picture School (grades 6-12) to connect learning to students' interests, communities, and futures.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS** mentors help students enrolled in Title I/LAP summer academies. These programs combat "summer slide" and keep our most vulnerable students on-track in school.