

What is mentor2.0?

- Mentor2.0 is a component of your child's college and career readiness curriculum. It uses the power of mentoring as a strategy to support students to and through college. Mentor2.0 serves thousands of students at dozens of high schools across the country.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico has partnered with Amy Biehl High School. We match students in every grade level with college-educated mentors solely dedicated to supporting the students' success in high school and through the college process.
- These are one-to-one, multi-year mentoring relationships. Each mentor supports only one student for the duration of the program.
- Our goal is that every student that we serve is prepared to enter and succeed in college and the workplace. Mentor2.0 is committed to your students' post-secondary readiness and success!

How does the program work?

- Students take mentor2.0 class once a week. This course is led by their Match Support Specialist and is a part of the student's schedule. In freshmen year, students will complete mentor2.0 once a week in Study Hall. Through this course, students will learn and practice soft skills that are necessary for success in college and the workplace. These skills include things like Growth Mindset, Social Capital and Self-Advocacy. Students communicate online with their mentor through the classroom on our mentor2.0 platform and they will also meet their mentor every 4-6 weeks at events that mentor2.0 hosts here at the school.
- Through weekly online communications and in-person meetings, mentee-mentor pairs will work together through the curriculum, which is focused on building students' college readiness skills.
- Your child's mentor2.0 Match Support Specialist works with pairs directly to ensure safety and development for your child.

Who are our mentors?

- Our mentors are all college-educated professionals living and working in Albuquerque. They come from a variety of backgrounds and a variety of professional fields but their commonality is that they have all completed some level of post-secondary education. Mentors come to us through corporate partnerships at leading companies like Sandia National Laboratories and also through community partnerships like the University of New Mexico. Our mentors are all fingerprinted and go through regular background checks. ***The safety of our mentees is our highest priority.*** Our screening process is rigorous and

comprehensive. Our mentors are also trained and supported on an ongoing basis by our staff. Each grade level has a Match Support Specialist assigned to those pairs to ensure that your child is benefiting from their experience and is safe..

Parent Consent forms

- Now that I've shared some more information, I'd love to answer any questions you may have. You might have received a Parent Consent form from Amy Biehl High School or will receive one from your child. We ask every parent to sign and return this form to allow their child to participate in the program. If you have any questions about mentor2.0, please contact me at 505-400-9109 or Laila.tootoonchi@bbbs-cnm.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do we know the students are safe? What is the screening process like?

All mentor applicants go through a rigorous screening process including mentor trainings, interviews, reference checks and background checks. We also monitor all the communication that happens with pairs on our secure platform.

How will my child communicate with this mentor?

Mentors and mentees write to each other weekly on the mentor2.0 platform around topics provided by mentor2.0. All communications are written on a secure platform that is monitored by our staff. In addition, mentors and mentees meet at supervised events. Mentors/mentees are NOT allowed to exchange personal contact information and therefore only communicate in a supervised setting.

Are the matches same gender?

Yes. All matches are 1-to-1 and same gender. If your child does not identify with the gender that was assigned to him/her at birth, I will work to find your child a mentor that he/she can relate to and work with best. Mentor2.0 respects all students as individuals and as learners.

Can we meet the mentor?

Absolutely! While your attendance at events is not at all required, you're welcome to come to any of our events.

What if my child doesn't need a mentor?

One of the best aspects of mentor2.0 is that it is flexible in meeting the needs of our students. For some, they find that the professional networking, professional skill building and community connections that lead to letters of recommendations, references and internships are some of the highlights for their child. For others, they find that their child gains emotional support from a trustworthy and caring adult. Encourage your student to talk to their Match Support Specialist about what mentor2.0 can offer to them.