



Peer Mentor Program

Summer 2023 Application

Program Information

The Victory Academy Peer Mentor Program is a volunteer-based program at Victory Academy, a school dedicated to serving students with Autism and other learning differences. A Peer Mentor is a middle school or high school-aged student who is interested in helping others and enjoys being with children. Peer Mentors at Victory Academy help students by being a positive role model and friend. Peer Mentors serve many roles within the classroom and in the community. The program is designed to be mutually beneficial to the students at Victory Academy and the Peer Mentor. Peer Mentors take on leadership responsibilities in the classroom and help our students with everything from decision-making to recognizing how someone else feels.

What does a Peer Mentor do?

- Role model positive social skills.
- Encourage and support students.
- Engage in recreation activities with students such as swimming, sports, hiking, etc.
- Help students develop conversation skills.
- Give students the opportunity to meet new people with different interests and different school experiences.
- Play games, create art, and attend music classes.

How do I become a Peer Mentor?

- ☒ Complete the following application.
- ☒ Turn the application in to Kyna Brockett (kyna@victoryacademy.org) at Victory Academy by May 15th.

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Peer Mentor Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address: _____ DOB: _____

_____ Age: _____

School: _____

Year in School: _____

Peer Mentor Email: _____

Guardian's Email (s): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Guardian's Cell Phone(s): _____

Do you have any allergies? _____

Are you currently taking any medication we should know about (such as medication you may need to have on campus)? : _____

Do you have previous community service or volunteer experience? If so, please include program name, dates, and description of service on a separate sheet of paper (typed, double spaced).

Yes _____ No _____

School Policies

1. Victory Academy is a NUT FREE school. We have students with a variety of allergies. As a result, we respect those students safety by avoiding bringing nuts and having nut products on campus.
2. Victory Academy is not responsible for personal electronics. Students may bring phones for safety (ability to contact and communicate with parents, etc.) f the mentor chooses to bring a phone, they may keep the phone in the school safe or with them during the day but are asked to not have them out except for during breaks as many of our classrooms adhere to no personal tech policies. Mentors are solely responsible for their personal belongings and Victory Academy is not responsible in any way for a mentor's private property.
3. We ask mentors to respect the privacy of Victory Academy students and families by not discussing students with other people outside the mentorship program, taking photos of Victory Academy students on personal devices, or posting photos of Victory Academy students on social media.
4. At this time, volunteers are NOT required disclose vaccination status or to wear masks/face coverings while at Victory Academy. However, volunteers at Victory Academy may be subject to changes in state mandates or Oregon Department of Education (ODE) guidelines as they arise.
5. While Victory Academy does not adhere to a specific dress code, the following are some guidelines:
 - Clothing should be clean and in good repair
 - Clothing should be the proper size and fit, allowing for ease of movement
 - Clothing should cover undergarments (bra shoulder straps are okay)
 - Footwear should allow a student volunteer to participate fully throughout the school day, including physical education classes, recreation outings, and community-based instruction
 - Clothing must respect the rights and beliefs of others and should not discriminate against any race, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability

- Clothing should not become a distraction to the learning environment such as clothing that includes vulgar or profane language, advertises or promotes the use of alcohol, tobacco or drug products, or displays or implies sexually suggestive words or pictures.

I have read and understand the school policies. By signing below, I agree to the school policies and will follow all school policies.

x _____

Signature of Peer Mentor

Date: _____

x _____

Signature of Guardian

Date: _____

Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper (typed, double spaced) and attach to your application.

1. How would you describe yourself?
2. What are some of your strengths and challenges?
3. Describe what you already know about autism spectrum disorder.
4. Do you know anyone on the autism spectrum?
5. Why do you want to volunteer as a Peer Mentor?
6. Victory Academy is a K-12 school with elementary, middle, and high school classrooms. What age of student would you be interested in working with? Why?
7. What types of things would you like to do as a Peer Mentor? Do you have any skills or abilities you would be interested in teaching to our students (i.e. sports or games, art, music, cooking, crafts, etc.)?
8. How will you use this experience to help others?

Please return the completed application to Kyna Brockett at Victory Academy by May 15th. You may scan and email the documents to kyna@victoryacademy.org or you may mail the paper application to:

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