



## BEC Academic Mentors

Sept 2021- June 2022

### What is it?

The BEC volunteer academic mentoring opportunity is for anybody **ages 15+** who is interested in providing academic support to students either in person or remotely. Volunteers could work with students one-on-one or in small group settings. Sometimes, they could assist teachers with the whole class. Academic mentors can make a difference in helping students find meaningful connections at school and get personalized

support to address learning needs in a school year that is still suffering the lingering negative impact of the COVID pandemic.

### What are some ways I can help?

Teachers may need help with:

- **Tutoring:** Teachers may send volunteers to work with students who may need extra help with specific subjects (Math, Reading, Social Studies, English Language Arts (ELA), Science)
- **Creative Skills:** If you have specific skills (e.g. art/ music) teachers can incorporate that into the curriculum.
- **Connecting with guardians/parents:** Some teachers may need help from volunteers to connect with parents/guardians regarding feedback, announcements/notifications, technical help, etc.
- **Tutoring Special Needs or ELL students:** Some teachers may need help from those who have experience with special needs or English Language Learner (ELL) students.
  - **English Language Learner (ELL):** simply refers to students who are not currently proficient as English speakers and are in the process of developing their English language skills
- **Technical Skills:** Helping students & families learn technical skills; how to log into zoom, computer skills, log into programs, etc.

### When can I help?

School hours can vary but most run between **8:30am-2:30pm**. For those who cannot help during those times, they can help assist students in before or after school programs with BEC network partners.

### Level of Commitment Requested:

- minimum **1-2 hour/week**

- **Late September 2021- Mid June 2022 (full school year)**
  - We can work with college students to make some adjustments to their class assignments if their second semester schedule changes
- **Attend mandatory volunteer orientation (new volunteers), cultural humility training (all volunteers)**
- **Attend volunteer debrief sessions or share feedback online (about 4 times a year)**

#### **Steps to Sign Up:**

- 1. Fill out our Interest Form (for returning and new volunteers):**
  - a. <https://forms.gle/kiv8cGBfiDVgyxQU7>
- 2. Based on your preferences, you will be matched by BEC with a school or organization.**
  - a. Any questions, please email Ruth Wong, [rwong@egc.org](mailto:rwong@egc.org)
- 3. After we get back to you, we will ask you to fill out additional forms for a background check (CORI) and an application.**
  - a. **What is CORI?** CORI stands for Criminal Offender Record Information. You will have a CORI record if you have ever been charged with a crime in a Massachusetts court. Your CORI report is a list of your criminal charges. It includes **all** cases even if you were found not guilty or the case was dismissed. CORI checks are mandated by Boston Public Schools for all staff and volunteers who work with students.
- 4. New volunteers will be required to attend an interview. All volunteers will be required to attend an orientation and a training.**
  - a. We will schedule an interview, orientation and training so you can learn about the school you will be working with and be equipped to assist the class. We will also include a cultural humility component to the training.
- 5. Throughout the semester, BEC staff will reach out to volunteers for feedback and questions/ concerns they may have.**

#### **Upcoming Info Sessions:**

**Wednesday night, 8-8:30 PM, Sept. 15th [Register [Here](#)]**

**Saturday morning, 9-9:30 AM, Sept. 18th [Register [Here](#)]**