



 Big Brothers Big Sisters.
OF DANE COUNTY

MENTORU

What is MentorU?

MentorU is a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County's school mentorship program. MentorU's mission is to help high school students develop personal, academic and career skills by providing each student with a volunteer mentor with experience in a variety of areas.

The MentorU class and the mentors will offer extra opportunities and resources to students regarding career exploration, college admission guidance, and future planning.

How does MentorU work?

MentorU matches every student with a volunteer adult mentor based on shared career and/or personal interests. Once a week, students have MentorU class time to complete a weekly lesson and communicate with their mentor by sending an online message via the BBBS messaging technology platform. Students and mentors discuss various topics in their weekly messages, such as perseverance, critical thinking, self-advocacy and goal setting. Together, students will work on **creating and updating their High School & Beyond Plan, researching career options and networking opportunities, and applying to colleges** when the time comes.

To learn more, please contact us at reception@bbbsmadison.org or (608) 661-5437.

What is BBBS's role?

BBBS will administer the program by working with students, administrators, and volunteers to interview and match students with Bigs, deliver the MentorU program at school, plan and execute events, monitor and provide match support to Bigs and Littles, and administer quality surveys to measure the impact of the program.

What do students get out of it?

Each student will be paired with a dedicated volunteer mentor who will work with them and help them achieve their educational and life goals like doing well in school, discovering their strengths, acquiring new skills, applying for internships and scholarships, or obtaining a good job.

What is the time commitment?

- Volunteers commit to mentor a student for at least 1 year, 2.5 hrs per month during the academic year.
- Students have MentorU class time once a week in which they communicate with their mentors by completing a weekly lesson and sending them an online message during class time
- MentorU requires students and their mentors to attend 8-9 events with MentorU and school staff present. These events are scheduled in advance and will take place in the afternoon.