



SUMMARY

Grade 10-11 students are recruited by school staff to be mentors for new grade 8/9 students. In the spring and again in the fall the older students are responsible for welcoming, orienting and mentoring the new students at two different orientation events and to be a friendly face throughout the school year.

ACTIVITIES

- Orientation events in the spring and Fall before the first day of school
- Tour of the school
- Introductions to teachers
- Answering questions
- Friendly face to answer questions throughout the school year

BENEFITS

- Reduces anxiety for new students
- Helps new students feel welcome
- Builds older students confidence
- Helps to build a positive school culture

SUPPORTS

- Schools host the orientation events
- School staff select students as mentors
- Champion teachers support mentors to plan the orientation events
- Students volunteer their time prior to the first day of school

CONSIDERATIONS

Invite more than your high achievers to mentor and watch them step up to the challenge. You might just see another side to some of your students.

“ We created a program in our school called the LINC crew, it was an orientation and induction program for those grade 8's coming into our school. Students in the upper grades were nominated by teachers and they were responsible for welcoming, orienting and mentoring new students coming into the school. The program is still going on in the school and that is 13 years later. ”

Retired Principal