MENTOR PROGRAM

"Partnership with Professionals"

Beyond the classroom, learning opportunities are boundless. This premier program offers two courses for college bound students. The Mentor Program provides students the opportunity to explore the college selection process, their potential careers of interest, their aptitude for those careers, and to eventually be mentored by a professional in a selected field of interest. Students can opt to only take the first course, Seminar, or both Seminar and Field Experience. Seminar is an opportunity to explore the college and career options best suited for each individual. Seminar must be successfully completed in order for a student to advance to Field Experience, which is designed to shadow with a professional in the field. A partial listing of the many potential fields is listed below.

Communications Accounting Fine Arts Law Photography Advertising **Computer Science** Genetics Law Enforcement **Physical Therapy** Geology Architecture **Economics** Marketing Psychology **Public Relations** Biotechnology Education **Human Resources** Medicine **Business** Meteorology Social Work Engineering Interior Design Chemistry Finance Journalism **Performing Arts** Veterinary Medicine

Mentor Seminar F-8001, W-8002, S-8003

Grades: 11-12

Prerequisite: Application and Mentor Program Coordinator Approval

Length: One Period, One Trimester

Mentor Seminar is a college and career prep course which gives you the advantage over your peers needed to prepare for your future. Students will identify personal interests and skills to guide them while exploring college options and researching career opportunities. Students will develop professional skills, including interviewing, networking and interpersonal communication. The opportunity to meet with a professional in your chosen career field brings the real world to the classroom. If you only have room in your schedule for one part of the program, take Seminar. It offers you the time and expertise you need to get the edge you want in the competitive world of college and careers. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in Mentor Field Experience to complete the Mentor Program; however, it is not required.

Mentor Field Experience F-8005, W-8006, S-8007

Grades: 11-12

Prerequisite: Mentor Seminar and Mentor Program Coordinator Approval

Length: Two Periods, One Trimester (Students generally select the trimester with the fewest cocurricular conflicts to allow greater scheduling and travel flexibility during their mentorship.)

Credits: 2 (If scheduling is an issue, this course may be taken for one period instead of the two hour block. Students should discuss options with their counselor and/or with the program coordinator.)

Mentorship in the workplace with a career professional is a blueprint for high performance. This course is experience-based. Leave the classroom behind as you enter into the professional's world to gain exposure in the career field of your choice. In addition to a weekly class session with instructors and peers, you will be released from school to work with your career professional and learn first-hand what your career is all about. You will select and design an individual project under the guidance of your mentor and instructor. This course targets advanced level learners and requires a high level of student independence and responsibility. **Students must provide their own transportation to their mentor site.**

^{**}Students successfully completing Mentor Seminar may be able to earn Advanced Standing Credit from a local postsecondary institution. Students should contact the course instructor for more information regarding articulated credits and participating post-secondary institutions.