



Mentors Needed
You can make a difference!

The Mission of TeamMates is to positively impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential through mentoring.

What is TeamMates Mentoring?

- A program established in 1991 by University of Nebraska Head Football Coach Tom and Nancy Osborne.
- TeamMates was formed to provide support and encouragement to school-aged youth.
- The goal is to see youth graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education.
- Serving 9,450 youth at the end of the 2017-2018 school year in over 180 school districts throughout Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas and Iowa. The Custer School District is the first chapter in South Dakota.

The impact of the TeamMates match on the mentee is profound.

- 55% of mentees improved or maintained their academic achievement after being matched with their mentor.
- 85% maintain or experience fewer disciplinary referrals at school.
- 75% maintained or had fewer unexcused absences.
- More than 95% of mentees report that they are happy when they meet with their mentor, that their mentor talks to them about what they do well, they feel important when they are with their mentor and that they trust their mentor.
- Strengths-based mentoring positively influences student engagement with school.
- There is a positive correlation between a student looking forward to seeing their mentor and overall levels of hope, engagement and well-being.

Things to know about being a mentor.

- TeamMates is a one to one, relationship based mentoring program.
- Mentors and Mentees are matched based on their strengths
- Mentors are adult guides, advocates and trusted friends. They are not tutors or gift givers, and cannot transport students.
- Mentors are screened and receive training.
- All mentoring is done at the school during the school day.
- Mentors and mentees meet once a week for about 45 minutes during the school year.
- No reports of inappropriate conduct in the 27 years of the program

Are you interested in learning more or applying to be a mentor?

- Go to www.TeamMates.org
- Attend a Community Information Meeting on Monday, November 5 at 5:00 pm at Custer High School or on Tuesday, November 6 at 5:00 pm at Hermosa School.
- Contact Mark Naugle, TeamMates Project Coordinator & Custer School District Superintendent at 605-673-3154 or mark.naugle@k12.sd.us or Lori Enright, TeamMates Advisory Board Member & Hermosa School Principal at 605-255-4345.
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