



Dear Parents,

We need you, your co-workers and friends to Mentor or Volunteer at Pease! Our mentors and volunteers are trained and background checked by Austin Partners in Education. This is how you can help!

What do MENTORS do?

- Mentors help students improve their social skills, strengthen their communication skills, and build self-confidence. They can check out games and activities from the counselor's office.
- They come to school one time per week for 30 min. during a student's lunch time and make that commitment for one entire school year. Pease accepts mentors at any time during the school.

What do VOLUNTEERS do?

- **Tutoring:** Let us know your experience, what subjects you prefer, what grade you feel most comfortable with, and if you prefer to work with an individual or a small group (4 or fewer). What day(s) is best? What time is best?
- **Assist in Classrooms or Computer Lab:** Let us know what grade level you feel most comfortable working with and what days and times you are available.
- **Assist in the Library:** Shelving books, helping students find "just right books" and where they are located. Our librarian is happy to show you how to do these things.
- **Assist in the Front Office:** Answering phones and/or other light office work.
- **Entrepreneurial suggestions are always welcome!**

How do you become a MENTOR or VOLUNTEER? It's SIMPLE! *(You do NOT have to donate any money to become a mentor/volunteer even though it asks you if you would like to on the website.)*

- **MENTORS:** Please go to this website: <http://www.austinpartners.org/> and click on "Mentor" under the Big Blue Button. Click on the big gray box that says "Sign Up Now". Click on "APIE Mentoring". Choose "Pease" from the drop down menu and continue to follow the prompts until you finish applying. APIE will send me an email after your background check is completed and I will call you/email you to match you with a student.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** Please go to this website: <http://www.austinpartners.org/> and click on "School Based Volunteer" under the Big Blue Button. Choose "Pease" from the dropdown menu and click on the position you are interested in. Follow the prompts until you finish applying. APIE will send me an email after your background check is completed and I will call you/email you to match you with the position that you chose.

PLEASE feel free to call/email me, Katherine Kolander, Counselor, with any questions you have. Phone: 512-414-2025 Email: Katherine.kolander@austinisd.org THANK YOU!