

MATCH ACTIVITY IDEAS: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



College Event Field Trip

Time: One match meeting, several hours

Take your mentee to a college event, e.g., a basketball game, a football game, an art fair, etc. Your program may be able to secure free tickets for these types of events; make sure to ask!



Create a Poster

Time: One to two match meetings

Create a poster with your mentee about:

- A role model, including information about his/her occupation and training, i.e., the college they attended, their field of study, etc.
- “What I want to be when I grow up” and include information on the steps to get there.
- Their favorite subjects and the types of careers associated with those subjects.



Read about Role Models

Time: One or more match meetings, depending on length and quantity of books

Find and read books about role models with whom your mentee can relate; discuss the career paths of these role models and the educational steps they took to reach those goals.



Magazine Careers

Time: One to two match meetings

With your mentee, cut out pictures from magazines of people in different occupations. Ask your mentee to select a career they would be interested in pursuing from the assortment of magazine pictures. Use a digital camera to take a picture of your mentee. Have your mentee place their face over the face in the magazine picture. If a digital camera is unavailable, have them draw a picture of themselves. Under the picture, ask them to write about why they selected that particular occupation or what type of training they will need to be successful in that field.¹



College Positive Rewards

Time: Extended term, check in with their progress over the months

Look for opportunities to encourage and reward your mentee when he/she does college positive behaviors, e.g., gets good grades, completes a project, or has a leadership moment. Do a special activity or make their favorite meal and invite them over for dinner to celebrate. Set goals for specific projects and/or grades and reward those goals, potentially with college-related items (t-shirts, hats, pennants, key chains, and/or posters).

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