

Connect Through Homework

The Connect through Homework Program aims to support newcomer or younger English Language Learner (ELL) Secondary students through the activity of homework while being mentored by a trained leader. In **Part 1** of the program, selected students will be trained as leaders to lead and mentor newcomer or younger ELL Secondary students in **Part 2** of the program. In **Part 2** of the program, ELL students will be supported by trained leaders in developing homework skills, communication, and conflict resolution, tackling school concerns, developing goals and learning to develop healthy relationships.

Part 1: Target Participants: Secondary students in grades 10 to 12, who are interested in volunteering and mentoring students in their school and have a strong background in either math or English

Goals: Selected students will:

- acquire volunteer skills for school and community involvement
- develop leadership skills through training
- increase skills in cross culture awareness
- develop strong social skills and empathy through mentorship
- build an awareness of newcomers needs
- receive volunteer hours for completion of training and program

Part 2: Target Participants: Newcomer or younger ELL secondary students grades 8 to 10

Goals: Newcomer or younger ELL secondary students will:

- increase communication and personal skills
- increase their understanding of the school system
- communicate experiences of being a newcomer in school and addressing school concerns
- develop a relationship with a peer mentor
- develop effective strategies for dealing with school, life and migration issues

Workshop Themes:

- Making peer connections
- Understanding settlement: self and others
- Self-image, stereotypes and social skills
- Communication, conflict and care
- Staying safe in my school and community
- Working, volunteering and connecting in my new community

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