## WENDELL KRINN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

Wendell Krinn Tehcnical High School is seeking ways to increase the likelihood of success for our students. Our School's Mission is to build a better tomorrow by cultivating the academic and technical skills that prepare our students for success in their chosen pathways. We recognize that many of our students are facing unique challenges that stem from transitioning to a new school, balancing rigorous course loads, and managing family, friends, and academics. To provide our students with additional support while they strive for excellence, we will be implementing a Peer Mentorship program. Many schools have found that student mentoring programs have worked to increase the likelihood of students staying in school until graduation and to increase overall student achievement.

## ABOUT OUR MENTORS

Each mentor is a member of K-Tech's Psychology club and must complete a peer mentor training. The peer mentoring training includes a Confidentiality Agreement, protocols for safety, active listening skills, goal-setting, and establishing a supportive and positive mentor|mentee relationship. All mentoring activities are one-on-one, take place during the school day, and on school grounds. Peer mentors are prepared to discuss with students; current issues and concerns, study skills and to help establish goals. A District employee is always located nearby when mentors meet with mentees. Mentors will be required to meet on club days with the Peer Mentor Sponsor to learn additional strategies, problem solve situations and track accountability for the peer mentoring processes and procedures.

## HOW TO REQUEST A MENTOR

It is NOT mandatory for students to request a mentor. However, studies have shown that students are often more comfortable talking to peers about their concerns and positive changes have been noted when students work together to develop goals and problem solve. If your student would like to meet with a mentor, they will need to complete the online request form found under the "Student" tab on K-Tech's website.

If you would like to opt your student out of participating in the Peer Mentor Program, please complete the form below. If you have any questions, you can contact your student's School Counselor.

Thank you,

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I DO NOT give permission to allow my	y student to participate in the Peer Mentor program
Student Name	Student Number
Parent Name (print)	Parent Phone Number
Parent Signature	 Date