



Partnering For Eternity

Cochise SDA Christian School
Information

General Guidelines

- All interested families and senior mentors (SM) will be given a brief questionnaire to fill out so that thoughtful, intentional matches can be made accordingly.
- PFE families will visit their SM once a week for one hour.
- PFE students may not be matched with relatives.
- PFE families will be given a thorough orientation which will include safety guidelines and emergency procedures.
- Each weekly visit may include companion or chore activities, with the underlying goal always being to form direct and meaningful relationships.
- PFE families and SMs should be committed to regular and predictable visits. Changes in schedule should always be reported to the program coordinator.
- All monies received from the program will be applied to the student's account, where applicable.

PFE Student Responsibilities

- Spend one hour per week with a SM in relationship-building service
- Be punctual, respectful and kind
- Reflect on experiences by writing a brief description of the visit through the PFE website link
- Be ready and willing to play, talk, share, and hang out with the SMs!

Parents' Responsibilities

- Transport PFE student to and from weekly appointments *and* stay with them throughout the hour.
- Communicate with the program coordinator on a regular basis
- Independently create and maintain a visitation schedule with input and approval from the SM.
- Help PFE student with their weekly writing assignment.
- Actively encourage and support your child in engaging with his/her SM. Some children will need assistance – especially at the beginning – to learn how to comfortably interact with an older person.
- If parents are unable to attend PFE appointments with their child, a volunteer staff member from our school may be able to serve as a substitute.



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Parent FAQs

Q: How much do students receive from the PFE program?

A: Students in the PFE program receive \$25 per hourly visit.

Q: How many visits can students make each week?

A: Only one. While visits can be postponed and made up as necessary, we strongly encourage your interactions with your SMs to be as consistent as possible.

Q: I have two children involved with the PFE program; can both of my children work with the same SM?

A: Yes, but each student needs to be accountable for and work *separate* hours. If both children visit the SM at the same time, two hours need to be spent – one for each child.

Q: How do SMs become a part of the PFE program?

A: Cochise SDA staff will help in the selection process for SMs by employing questionnaires and interviews, as necessary, to ensure a reasonable match between the student and the SM.

Q: What will my student be doing with/for their SM?

A: The time during each visit with the SM can be spent in a number of ways, depending upon your child's ability and comfort level and the SM's needs and comfort level. The PFE program was specifically designed to foster intergenerational relationships, so ideally, each visit will contain some element that works towards that goal.

Q: Do I need to stay with my student through the whole visit?

A: Yes.

Q: I have a younger child who will need to come with us on our visits. Is that okay?

A: Yes! – as long as his/her presence doesn't distract from your supervision of the visit. Your younger child will only benefit from being a part of positive intergenerational relationships from an early age.

Sample Activities Students Can do with Senior Mentors:

- Reading (general) or studying the Bible
- Going for walks
- Playing games
- Doing crafts
- Baking or cooking
- Organizing pictures or scrapbooks
- Socializing
- Gardening
- Other activities