

Kids Hope USA

One Child – One Hour – One Church - One School
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Kids Hope USA is the most effective and impactful mentoring program we have found for churches to engage and invest in one on one relationships with students in our local public schools. Their vision, strategy, training, resources, and ongoing support can't be beat!

A Quick Look

- Kids Hope USA was started in 1995
- Local offices are located in Michigan, Texas, and Illinois.
- As of 2010, there are **20,350 volunteers** mobilized in **613 church / school partnerships** through Kids Hope USA in **31 states**.

Unite! Churches are excited about the Kids Hope USA mentoring program because... it is a partnership between the school, the church, the teacher, the mentor, and the child. Everyone is working together for the good of the child. Kids Hope USA has the leadership and ability to equip church members to make a tangible difference in the lives of students and to live out their faith in a winsome and attractive way in the schools, while respecting and adhering to the "separation of church and state" guidelines.

Kids Hope USA provides specific and detailed training to mentors as to how to spend their time with the child they're mentoring. The mentoring hour can consist of a variety of activities including: getting to know each other and having fun, academic work (assigned by the teacher), and creative play (resources provided by Kids Hope USA).

One of the things that separates Kids Hope USA from all other programs is their reports and forms to help care for the students and track their progress. Forms include:

1. Student Referral Form (filled out by the teacher)
2. Parent Consent Form (filled out by the student's parents)
3. Daily Progress Report (filled out by the mentor after each mentoring session)
4. Teacher's Annual Evaluation (filled out by the teacher at the end of the year)

What's Involved? If your church would like to become a Kids Hope USA school sponsoring church, there are 3 primary commitments:

1. Seek to identify a director to oversee your mentoring program. Training provided.
2. Agree to the Kids Hope USA one year financial investment of \$2,000 (payable monthly).
 - NOTE: There are funds available to help your church cover these costs, so our hope is that finances will not be an obstacle for any church that wants to get involved.
3. Seek to mobilize 10 mentors in your partnering school.

**For more information about getting involved, contact
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