

recognizes the benefits of intergenerational partnership in learning. Thus, AACPS has established a **Senior – Senior Corps** that allows senior citizens and senior high school students (upperclassmen) to serve as skill developers and mentors to elementary students within the school setting.

Through the construct of this program, partnering senior citizens have the opportunity to interact with the youngest learners while assisting them in structured play, social navigation, and guided literacy activities; high school students benefit from a two-way vertical influence as they learn from the example of the senior citizens while setting the example for their younger counterparts; and elementary students will benefit from the presence and efforts of more adults—providing more support in more creative ways—throughout their daily learning experiences. When all of these factors are combined, they create a recipe for a multi-generational community with the potential to be a substantial **WIN** for all parties involved!

Essential Questions & Answers

Which organizations will be involved in the program?

AACPS is working with community centers and organizations across the county to support a rich corps of seasoned seniors. High School seniors will represent Southern, Meade, and North County High Schools.

What grade levels and subjects will be the focus of the program?

Volunteers will be invited to assist in classes and mentor students with the following focus areas: structured play, guided literacy, and student developmental centers (Grades K–12).

What kinds of volunteers would work for this program?

Ideal candidates for Senior – Senior include senior citizens who are patient, kind, energetic, somewhat active, and enthusiastic about young children. Student mentors from diverse academic and extra-curricular backgrounds will also be welcomed.

How much time will seniors and student mentors be required to commit?

Seniors and students are asked to commit a minimum of 2 hours per week in order to maintain a consistent presence with the students. Of course, scheduling conflicts and varying availabilities are welcome to be addressed with program leaders. *Any time is appreciated!*

How Can Community Partners Get Involved?

Senior – Senior Corps welcomes businesses, non-profits, and other organizations to get involved in the follow ways:

Involve your connections

Spread the message to potential volunteers and partner organizations, and invite them to join us.

Become a Sponsor

Donate supplies or technologies to the “Senior Hub”, where volunteers and students spend time and help each other to learn.

Become a Partner

Commit helping to plan, facilitate, or otherwise support student activities or community events facilitated by Senior – Senior.

Personalize your Partnership!

Contact Senior – Senior and share any ideas we should consider or alternative ways you may like to partners.



Ideal volunteers for the **AACPS Senior-Senior Corps** are energetic and enthusiastic about the success of young children.

Required qualities include:

SEASONED SENIORS

- Understanding and value of literacy.
- Passion for young people.
- Physical mobility and energy to engage with primary learners (K-2nd grade).
- Ability to work with diverse populations.
- Knowledge of (or openness to learn) technology.
- Ability to self-transport or access alternate transportation to the volunteer site.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

- Be a senior student in an AACPS high school.
- A valid driver's license and access to a car.
- Excellent oral and written communication.
- Positive and mature attitude toward learning and volunteering.
- Passion for working with primary learners (K-2nd grade).

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What is Senior-Senior?

A program that invites senior citizens and high school seniors to support young students in the learning journey (reading, writing, problem-solving, and conversing).

Where is the Program Taking Place?

Senior-Senior will support students at Lothian, Hebron-Harmon, and designated north Anne Arundel County elementary schools.

Why Should I Volunteer?

- *These kids are the future of this community!*
- *Engaging with youth keeps you youthful!*



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