

The STARS Mentor's Pledge

This pledge confirms the commitment made by all parties to build, support and maintain a meaningful relationship between the STARS Mentor and the Rising STARS participant.

I agree that to the best of my ability I will fulfill the following obligations of a mentor:

- A. Be engaged with my *Rising STAR* as outlined in the program
- B. Attend STARS special activities and support my *Rising STAR*
- C. Attend training sessions
- D. Be a member of the STARS Advisory Committee
- E. Be a member of and participate in the Program Activity Planning Committee
- F. Be a positive representative and advocate of the STARS Scholarship & College Success program
- G. Adhere to ethical behavior and conduct standards and confidentiality

My Pledge

- I commit to *making a difference*, to support, guide, and be a positive role model.
- I commit to *be encouraging* by listening, understanding, fostering strengths, and by showing empathy.
- I commit to *building a mutual relationship*, to enter the world of someone else, to hear about new dreams and challenges, to share my own stories, and to respect the differences between us.
- I commit to *recognizing that change* often comes in small steps that barely leave footprints, that victories are often unseen or unspoken, and that obstacles will always be present.
- I commit to remaining *sympathetic* to the storms weathered, to the adversity faced, and to the experiences that occurred long before this child entered my life.
- I commit to *realizing* that my actions carry new weight and responsibility, that my role can never be taken lightly, that my life will also change with this experience.
- I commit to being a mentor.

Signature

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