



BECOME A LEVEL UP MENTOR

Spark Central is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that ignites the creativity, innovation, and imagination necessary for people to forge the path to their best future. We break down barriers to creativity like cost, confidence, and access by offering transformative programs, access to innovative technology, and a welcoming creative community for people of all economic backgrounds. Everyone deserves the opportunity to forge the future they imagine. As a 501(c)3 charitable organization, we rely on the generosity of people like you to keep our membership and programs available at no cost so income is never a barrier to opportunity.

Spark Central is looking for mentors to support our Level Up after school program, hosted at Holmes and Audubon Elementary. This is an unpaid volunteer position. Applicants seeking school or service hours credit are responsible for submitting the necessary information fulfillment requirements to Spark Central.

TIME COMMITMENT OPTIONS

Please note that while we're flexible, your availability as a mentor for this program may determine your school location. If available, we would prefer you to sign up to mentor one of the below groups/ location for two days a week for a minimum of 10 weeks.

Audubon Elementary: October through May; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:45-5:15 PM.

Holmes Elementary: October through May; Wednesdays and Fridays, 2:45-5:15 PM.

DESCRIPTION

Level Up is a creative after school engagement program where youth grow in confidence, cultivate a growth mindset, and develop their future aspirations by becoming journalists, graphic storytellers, and exploring their creativity through STEAM and literacy activities. This program is designed and facilitated by our programs staff. Students are supported by volunteer mentors who assist students with their publishing projects and other Level Up activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

As a mentor with the Level Up after school program, you will work with a consistent small group of students two days a week to help us foster a safe and welcoming community and assist with activities in writing, visual arts, and other creative content as part of the after school schedule.

One of our objectives with this program is for students to build strong relationships with their mentors so they can feel supported in achieving their academic and personal goals. As a mentor, you have the opportunity to make a focused impact on the students you work with. You don't need to be an expert on school subjects to be a mentor with this program!

DESIRED QUALITIES

The ideal Level Up mentor is someone who relates well to youth, and is inspired by helping them find the best ways to explore their creativity, express themselves, and achieve their goals. We seek mentors who take great joy in teaching others, lose track of time in this pursuit, and have the ability to work in an emotionally vulnerable environment with a cool demeanor.

Other qualities include:

- Passion for assisting others and teaching
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Responsible self-starter; task and detail-oriented
- Has patience, stamina, and flexibility to work in a busy, active environment with interruptions
- Comfort giving and receiving growth-oriented feedback
- Excellent sense of humor
- Reliable—good at watching the time

PERKS

As a mentor at Spark Central, you'll connect with a wide variety of talented people in our community, and learn new skills. Volunteering is also a fabulous way to gain experience and show you can handle responsibility. We also offer high school student mentors:

- A letter of recommendation upon successful completion of the school term as a mentor.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email levelup@spark-central.org to express your interest and to arrange an orientation with our team.

For information on our policies, visit <https://spark-central.org/policies>