Mentoring for Success (MFS) is SFUSD’s school based mentoring program that matches K-12 students with highly qualified and committed mentors. Together, MFS “matches” spend about an hour a week engaging in dynamic activities at school throughout the year.

MFS mentors focus on helping their mentees build lasting skills for academic and social/emotional success, improved attendance, and positive engagement in the community. We offer two program options: MFS One-to-One and Project Arrive Group Mentoring.

The achievement gap for African American and Latino students is the greatest civil rights issue facing SFUSD. By supporting individualized relationships with students who would benefit by having a mentor, MFS puts equity at the forefront and helps SFUSD achieve its vision for student success.

During the 2015-16 school year alone, 800 students have been matched with a MFS mentor. Here are a few highlights about the students we support, and how MFS mentors are helping them to succeed:

- Students* matched with a 1:1 mentor through MFS report that they...
  - ...like meeting with their mentor
  - ...plan to finish high school
  - ...plan to continue their education after high school
  - ...have a teacher or adult who who cares about them at school*
  - ...have teachers and adults who tell them when they do a good job*

Based on recent research, Project Arrive Group Mentoring participants were **significantly more likely to earn enough academic credits to be on track toward graduation** than comparison students by the end of 9th grade.

**Percent of 9th Grade Students Earning 55+ Credits**

- Project Arrive Mentees (n=116) 59%
- Comparison Students (n=116) 41%

*SFUSD data based on 2014-15 cohort research by Dr. Gabriel Kuperminc of Georgia State University*