



Big Brothers Big Sisters



Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring: University of the Sciences College Bigs Program

Where Learning Goes Beyond Books into Learning to Make a Difference

The Bigs in our School Based mentoring programs fill a void in a child's life by spending one-on-one time with them during the school day. We build partnerships with schools throughout the region, and match volunteers with children from local elementary and middle schools. In **University of the Sciences College Bigs** program, volunteers ("Bigs") from U Sciences visit their mentees ("Littles") at their elementary school. No matter what they do together, the time spent between these Bigs and Littles is proven to enhance school performance.

Volunteer Time Commitment

One hour every week for nine months, while Littles are in school.

What Bigs and Littles Do Together

Talk, shoot hoops, play games or do craft projects together. The schools has dedicated space, activities and games for Bigs and Littles. "Brown Bag" your lunch and eat with your Little!

When You Meet

During lunch, usually between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., depending on your Little's lunch schedule. The day of the week is flexible!

Where You Meet

Comegys Elementary School is located at 5100 Greenway Ave., and Mitchell Elementary School is located at 5500 Kingsessing Ave. – a short walk or trolley ride from campus!

Program Results

Children in our School Based mentoring programs show:

- an increase in academic performance
- feel more competent academically
- are less likely to skip school
- feel that that they will attend and finish college

*That's a lot of impact
for only a few hours a
month!*

The Volunteer Process

1. Complete an application and return it to **Steph Gilmour: sgilmour@independencebigs.org**. Or, **apply online at makeitbig100.org/volunteer/collegebigs** and enter your U Sciences zip code and email.
2. A Big Brothers Big Sisters representative will contact you to schedule an interview.
3. Volunteers complete background check forms and provide references to ensure their safety and the safety of the children we serve. We commit to keeping your personal information secure.
4. We will contact volunteers again once we have a match for them.