

Horizon Scholars Program

Transforming the Future for Central Florida Students.



The Horizon Scholars - Take Stock in Children Program works with members of the Central Florida community to increase post-secondary education access for high school students in Orange County Public Schools. By providing a unique set of resources, including mentors, scholarships, student advocacy, leadership development, and opportunities for civic engagement, the Horizon Scholars - Take Stock in Children Program endeavors to break the cycle of poverty for students and their families in Central Florida while giving students a chance to achieve their dreams and impact society in their own positive way.



Program Model



Scholarship

Students receive a two-year Florida Prepaid college scholarship. Students must stay in school, maintain an acceptable GPA and meet program requirements throughout high school.



Mentorship

Mentors provide guidance, support, and motivation to their student throughout the academic year.

Personal & Leadership Development

The Horizon Scholars—TSIC Program hosts a workshop series with the goal of empowering students through networking and education. Workshop topics include teamwork, financial literacy, time management, and much more!



Civic Engagement

Students are asked to complete 100 hours of service at local non-profit organizations, making a meaningful and lasting impact in their community. Our program also hosts service days for students.



Program Highlights

- Every student is paired with a mentor and College Success Coordinator.
- Partner organizations provide wraparound services for students and their families.
- Program staff provide students, families, and mentors with comprehensive support and resources.
- Grants allow for additional career and college exploration opportunities for students.

Contact Information

Contact us to learn more about how you can get involved:

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Mentoring with Horizon Scholars—Take Stock In Children

The Horizon Scholars - Take Stock in Children Program would not be complete without the dedicated and caring members of the community who volunteer their time to mentor our students and help advocate for their success.

High school is a pivotal time for young adults as they begin to make significant life decisions such as post-secondary education, career paths, and personal growth. A mentor can help guide their student through this developmental process by assisting with decision-making and providing much-needed support. This guidance can be invaluable in helping the student lead their life in a positive direction.

Mentoring with Valencia Horizon Scholars - Take Stock in Children is a low-commitment, high-impact way to help shape our community's next generation of leaders!

Time Commitment of a Mentor:

- ◇ Mentors have a minimum of two 30-minute meetings per month with their student.
- ◇ Mentors may opt to meet with their mentee in-person at the student's high school typically during the student's lunch break or elective period.
- ◇ Mentors may also enjoy the flexibility of virtual mentoring which is available on approved platforms for afterschool or weekend sessions.
- ◇ Mentors work with their mentee to set a schedule convenient for both parties with the expectation that mentors and students meet a minimum of 15 times each academic year.
- ◇ Mentors are asked to commit to just one (1) academic school year at a time (August - May) with the option to continue with your same mentee the next school year.

Mentors are Provided with:

- ◇ Personalized matching with a student based on location preferences, personalities, and/or interests/hobbies.
- ◇ Training and resources needed to develop meaningful relationships with their student.
- ◇ Access to mentor networking events and professional development opportunities.
- ◇ A designated liaison from our staff who will provide support and supply continuous resources throughout the year to both the mentor and student.

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