



MAYOR'S INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE  
ON TRUANCY, CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM  
AND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

## Success Mentors Matter: 2012-2013 Mentee Survey Results

The NYC Success Mentor Corps seeks to improve attendance, behavior, and educational outcomes for at-risk students in low-income communities citywide. Success Mentors are trained to serve as advisors, motivators, confidence-builders, and early warning systems for chronically absent students at risk of getting off track – both in school and in life.

The Mayor's Interagency Task Force on Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism and School Engagement surveyed approximately 1,300 students from throughout the five boroughs and across all school levels at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The data provided by students concludes that a large majority of students found their mentors helpful in improving their attendance, motivating them to do well in school, improving their grades and quality of work, and feeling more confident.

- 91% of students liked having a mentor this year
- 92% of students said that *other* students would benefit from having a mentor
- 75% of students said a mentor helped them improved their attendance
- 79% of students said a mentor improved their grades or quality of work
- 84% of students said a mentor motivated them to do well in school
- 84% of students said a mentor helped them feel more confident in themselves

