

# eGuide Mentees (MS)

## **Vision**

eStreet Youth's student leadership team, which is called eGuides, is made up of high school students who have experienced the love of God and are passionate about passing that along. Beyond submitting to a code of conduct, attending regular youth events, and leadership retreats, each member is also committed to serving our church in their area of giftedness as well as mentoring one or two middle school students. The primary goal of these mentoring relationships is to connect, care for, and raise up leaders among our younger students.

## **Process**

At the beginning of each school year, any Middle School (MS) student who'd like a mentor can sign up on a posted sheet at Bulla or via email to Justin Morgan. MS students may sign up for a mentor either individually or in pairs. Each individual will then be partnered with an eGuide of the same gender. In addition, we hope to pair 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with 9/10<sup>th</sup> grade leaders, 7<sup>th</sup> grade with 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 12<sup>th</sup> grade in order to encourage longer-term relationships. Once the matches have been made (within one month), parents and students will be notified and given contact information. If we happen to have more MS students interested than eGuides available a waiting list will be created. We ask that MS students commit to at least one year of connection with their mentor but if they should decide at any point that they would like to discontinue the relationship they may do so. However, MS students will not be able to switch eGuides mid-year. At the end of the year, any student that wishes to keep their current mentor will be guaranteed that spot or they can request a new mentor. Should students be placed on a wait list, they will be given priority of placement the following year.

## **Activities**

Our hope is that the mentoring relationships will evolve naturally but the two governing commitments are as follows: eGuides will plan to check-in with their mentees at least once a week to see how they're doing via phone, text, facebook, etc. and second each mentoring pair will plan to meet at least once a month (possibly more depending on availability) for some face-to-face time. While there will always be some sort of spiritual element to their meeting, it will be up to the pair themselves to decide what exactly they'd like to do - be it a bible study, coffee, movie, or basketball...

In addition to the ongoing meetings, we hope to have a kick-off event each year for all the eGuides and their mentees as well as an end of school year party.