



What Does Your Mentee Say About You?

One stand-out quality of Seedling is the rigor of our comprehensive annual program evaluation. An external researcher analyzes the results of on-line surveys of mentors, teachers, and School Contacts. We also look to see what trickle-down outcomes there may be in terms of attendance rates, behavior profiles, and achievement scores. The full [report](http://www.seedlingfoundation.org) for 2015-2016 is now available at www.seedlingfoundation.org.

We've pulled some of the most poignant glimpses from the surveys of students. Please enjoy these affirmations.

"Since meeting with your mentor, have there been any [positive] changes in your..."

- 89%** Interest in doing things
- 76%** Relationships with others
- 79%** Ability to talk about your feelings

"The best thing about my mentor is..."

- ❖ Knowing I can count on him, being able to talk to him, I never get bored.
- ❖ She understands what I go through. She is caring and interested in my life. And gives me confidence.
- ❖ She is funny and she listens to me and makes me laugh.
- ❖ We talk about things that are bugging me so I can relieve stress.
- ❖ He always listens and thinks ahead on what I can bring or he can bring the next time we meet.
- ❖ She listens to me and accepts who I am. She always makes sure I'm okay.

Students are asked what one thing they would change about their mentor.

One interesting theme was that a small number of students wish their mentors came on a different day of the week. If your schedule permits some flexibility, consider exploring this topic with your mentee.

Note this compelling statistic about other responses to what students would like to change about their mentor:

87% of the students responded that the thing they would change is some version of **"nothing at all"** or expressed a wish that their mentors would come twice a week or every day. This figure is up from 66% last year!

- 96%** When something is bugging me, my mentor listens while I talk about it.
- 97%** My mentor helps me take my mind off things by doing something with me.
- 98%** My mentor is always interested in what I want to do.