

FCCGW's Peer-to-Peer (P2P) program is a mentoring and tutoring program for children and youth that started in 2008 and has been operating for 16 years. It is a helper-buddy mentoring matching program designed to provide all participants with social and emotional learning opportunities, equipping them with knowledge, attitudes, and skills.

They need to achieve healthy and successful futures. The helper (9th – 12th) who excelled academically and has fulfilled P2P helper requirements is matched with the buddy (K – 10th) to provide academic, social, and emotional support and guidance.

Since April 2020, the program has been operated using various online platforms such as Zoom and Google Meetings, making it more possible to share learning materials in multiple ways and utilize higher quality online educational materials that enhance the leadership skills of helpers while promoting better learning experiences for a buddy. The parent supervisor monitors each session to create a safer online learning experience for the helper and the buddy. The helper, buddy, and parent supervisor work together to produce an effective and successful session.

The program has converted to online permanently and has attracted not only students living in Virginia but students from out of the states and overseas, including South Korea and other countries.

Our goal for the P2P program is to promote strong, supportive, and positive relationships. These relationships will have a far-reaching impact on home and school. The program offers self-development assignments for the helper to provide opportunities to become a better mentor and self-growth.

For the matching process, the P2P receives information such as preferred teaching and learning subjects, gender preferences, time zones, and special requests during the registration from both parties. We will try our best to accommodate those preferences as much as possible in matching, but we cannot guarantee. Before the orientation, the matching details will be informed via peer-to-peer email. During the semester, the helper and buddy meet online weekly for an hour. They have the flexibility to arrange a schedule that is convenient for both. In addition, the helpers and supervisors must submit session reports after every session through the link the P2P shared.

FCCGW P2P program is registered with the Presidential Service Award organization, and helpers who participate in this program can apply for the President's Volunteer Service Award by fulfilling the required hours. We awarded the Presidential Service Award to 151 helpers in 2023. In addition, a scholarship system was newly established in 2022, and scholarships are awarded to students who sincerely participate and show outstanding achievements.