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Mentorship at Gateway – Three Levels of Engagement

Gateway Online Academy provides three levels of mentorship: individual, small-group, and large-group. Our students develop and demonstrate professional skills in our virtual school environment during the day or during extracurricular activities. Our school mentors include teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, advisors, success coaches and others. These activities are separate from work-based or community-based activities.

Upon enrollment with Gateway Online Academy, students are assigned a success coach to develop a plan leading towards graduation and enrollment. This is part of the Success Planning course all students are enrolled in. Students work individually with a success coach to strategically develop a plan to prepare students for future employment through the OhioMeansJobs program.

The coronavirus pandemic created a greater awareness of the need for interaction with others when required to work or remain at home for an extended time. As social creatures, people need social interactions to help with their social-emotion health and wellness. It is for this reason that Gateway Online Academy has developed its Insight course and provided regularly scheduled Social Space for students to interact with other students and staff.

Insight is a credit-for-participation course that is designed to support student mental health and develop resiliency. Currently, we are working with Along.org to develop healthy relationships with our staff and other students. According to Along.org, “That’s why we built Along – to provide educators with an easier, more meaningful way to check in with each student – and know them on a deeper level” (<http://along.org/our-story/>, 2022).

For more information, please visit: <http://along.org/resources/#parents-guardians>

Our Social Space runs on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:15pm and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30pm. These times are set up for our student body to be able to interact with each other, participate in activities, and listen to speakers and performers in entertaining and interesting ways. Through this opportunity for interaction, students get a greater understanding and development of social, soft skills needed for today’s workforce and just have fun.

If you or your student would like more information or have ideas for activities, please contact Christina Lamorgese, our Student Services Director, by email at clamoregese@gatewayoh.org or call (330)267-4274.