Enduring matches get better results. Consistent support helps a student trust, grow, and have more optimism. Plus, match longevity is a reliable indicator of program health. This yardstick shows how Grand Area Mentoring measures up.

**Academics**
70% of mentees earned higher grades. Though matches don’t focus on grades, schoolwork, or projects, mentoring helps students feel better, which unsurprisingly translates to better performance.

**Behavior**
Mentors role model social skills and provide guidance in topics such as:

- Problem solving
- Manners and etiquette
- Apologizing and making amends
- Being mindful of emotions
- Sharing
- How to accept and give gifts
- Appropriate displays of affection
- Boundaries
- How and when to get help
- Taking turns and accepting input

6 months: The average school-based match in America*

1 year: Goal set by experts at the Dept. of Education and Grand Area Mentoring.

3 years: Average duration of matches closed over the past 12 months at Grand Area Mentoring. Of all matches served in the 2017/2018 school year, 80% have been sustained for more than twelve months.

*As documented in a U.S. Department of Education study

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"She got me a diary. I can write in it about good things and bad things and how I feel. She lets me know I have a person to talk to about my feelings." (4th grade student who witnessed domestic violence)

"I was bullied when I was younger, so I didn't trust anyone. In mentoring, I learned how to trust people again." (6th grade student from low-income, split family)

"We're doing Girls on the Run together. Mentoring has helped me to make new friends." (4th grade student with weight issues from poverty-stricken family)

"Mentoring makes me feel someone has my back." (6th grade minority student who was the victim of bullying)

"Mentoring makes me want to come to school. I used to dread school." (8th grade student whose guardian struggled with substance abuse)

Mentoring has been great for my child. Between mentoring and therapy, I have seen great improvements with his behavior at school and at home. Thank you! –parent

I love the mentor program. My daughter loves that day of the week. –parent

My mentee seems more confident and comfortable learning new things. –mentor

The value of the mentoring relationship is beyond measure, because we are dealing with a child’s view of themselves and how they fit into life. The transformation is a beautiful process to watch – a true life-changing experience. –teacher

I referred a student for mentoring this year and it has improved his confidence a ton! Mentoring has been a great support system for him. –teacher