Become a *Safe Schools Maryland* Middle School Mentor

Promote school and student safety, kindness, and inclusion year-round by becoming a *Safe Schools Maryland* Middle School Mentor.

Those students interested in becoming a Safe Schools Maryland Middle School Mentor are encouraged to take part in the following Safe Schools Maryland Middle School Mentors initiatives over the course of each school year:

- work with school officials to place *Safe Schools Maryland* posters, stickers, or other promotional materials around the school building;
- promote *Safe Schools Maryland* on social media and linking to Maryland Center for School Safety blog posts and/or social media posts that promote *Safe Schools Maryland*;
- be kind to students being bullied, including them, sitting with them at lunch or on the bus, talking to them at school, or inviting them to do something;
- coordinating a #NoOneEatsAloneDay, which teaches everyone how to make friends at lunch;
- mentor younger students at school who may be experiencing or engaging in bullying;
- participating in *No Place for Hate* or a similar school-wide program to improve and maintain a positive school climate so all students can thrive;
- practice random acts of kindness at school;
- set up a buddy peer support system for students who are new to the school; and
- share inspirational messages that motivate students to act kindly toward each other.

To formally become a Safe Schools Maryland Middle School Mentor, students must agree to and fill out the completed **Mentor Pledge** and upload it to the **Middle School Mentor Registration Form**. Once a student's pledge is reviewed, verified, and processed the names of officially approved Safe Schools Maryland Middle School Mentors will appear on safeschoolsmd.org.