

JUMP for Kids
Parent and Child Match Agreement Form

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very glad to be able to facilitate a friendship between your child and his or her mentor through the JUMP program.

Following is a list of responsibilities and agreements that JUMP believes will help create a successful match for child and mentor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the JUMP Director or a member of the JUMP Board of Directors.

1. JUMP kids have an opportunity to learn how to be a friend. Please encourage your child to call his/her mentor regularly (but not too often) to set up weekly meetings and let the mentor know that the friendship is important to them!
2. Most mentors would like to feel appreciated. Please encourage your child to say THANK YOU after an outing and let the mentor know when he or she has had a good time.
3. Parents and children should be as prompt and dependable and avoid unnecessary cancellations. In the event of illness or other emergency, please notify the mentor as soon as possible.
4. If a problem arises over a suggested activity, cost of the activity, etc, please try, if at all possible, to resolve this through open discussion with the mentor. If you are unable or unwilling to discuss the problem with the mentor, please call the JUMP Director for assistance.
5. Please do not make requests of the mentor that are outside the purpose of the program (providing transportation for you or as a babysitter, etc.)
6. Please do not ask volunteers to take siblings or other children not specifically assigned to the match.
7. Parents should make sure they are at home when the child is expected home after an activity. If this is not possible, make arrangements for an adult to be there and inform the volunteer of this beforehand.
8. Mentors are encouraged to keep expenses to a minimum and not to feel obligated to spend money on their match. However, mentors may sometimes arrange activities that involve some expense. Some may be willing and able to pay for your child on these occasions: others may not. Please be open and honest with the mentor about your willingness and ability to contribute on these occasions. Make sure your child understands that the mentor is there to be a friend and companion, not a Santa Claus.

9. Since you have applied for a JUMP mentor for your child in the belief that it would be beneficial for him or her, please do not be tempted to withhold the relationship as a form of punishment when your child misbehaves. This puts the mentor in a very awkward position and puts a strain on the relationship. Other means of discipline or natural consequences are more appropriate than denying the friendship.
10. Mentors are not disciplinarians or substitute parents. However, they are allowed to exercise reasonable control of children when they are together. This does not include the use of any physical force or restraint. Mentors have been encouraged to discuss any discipline problems privately with you, or to contact the JUMP office for advice. Please help by talking with your child about appropriate behavior.
11. Please report any change in your family situation which affects the match to the JUMP office immediately. Also report any changes in your address or phone number. It is very important for us to be able to keep in touch with you through mailings and by phone.
12. The JUMP mentor should not be involved himself or asked to get involved in family matters that do not have a direct bearing on his or her relationship with the child.
13. The JUMP Board of Directors does not recommend overnight visits.
14. Please maintain one contact per month with JUMP staff. A staff person will phone or email to check in on the match, answer questions, and be sure things are going smoothly.
15. You will be notified via the JUMP newsletter of JUMP activities. Families are welcome to attend.

I have read and fully understand my responsibilities as a participant in the JUMP program. I promise to cooperate with my child's mentor, be open and honest in my communication with him or her and support and encourage the friendship to the best of my ability. I will call a JUMP staff person immediately if I have any concerns or if any problems arise in the match.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____