

LEAH Program Overview

LEAH (Leaders in Education, Action and Hope) is a mentorship program that trains and places high school students at elementary and middle school out-of-school time programs to work as mentors and to lead hands-on activities.

The program was started in honor of Leah Deni, a former Out-of-School-time program director at Urban Ecology Institute who was passionately devoted to youth development. Leah passed away at the age of 25 in 2004.

Who Can Be A LEAH Mentor?

- ❖ Any BPS student in grades 9-12. Preference will be given to 10th and 11th graders.

What Do LEAH Mentors Do?

- ❖ Learn about science, other subjects and how to teach younger kids
- ❖ Provide support for after school programs while serving as role models for elementary and middle school students
- ❖ Meet high school students from across Boston and gain a support network
- ❖ Receive intensive training on classroom behavioral management, activity preparation, professionalism, and science topics relevant to LEAH curriculum

What Are The Requirements?

- ❖ Attend 2 meetings per month (on Fridays)
- ❖ Participate in 2 months of training (Mondays & Wednesdays 3:45pm-5:45pm) in November and December at Northeastern University
- ❖ Work two afternoons a week at an afterschool program from January – June
- ❖ Participate in community events, volunteer service, and city-wide leadership



Are LEAH Mentors Paid?

- ❖ LEAH mentors are paid a small stipend. During training, the stipend is equivalent to \$9 per hour. Once training is completed, Mentors stipends are increased to \$10 per hour. There is also an increase for a second and third year of participation.

Other Benefits:

- ❖ Option to apply for a position as LEAH summer staff
- ❖ College and career access workshops and resources
- ❖ Get additional community service hours through fun volunteer activities
- ❖ Access to afterschool/education network in Boston for post-secondary job search
- ❖ Be part of a group that wants to change education in Boston!

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