

Hello Everyone!!

I have only 7 engineer-mentors listed for FC schools. If you have not already let me know who your engineer mentor is, please do so ASAP. We also would like email addresses for them. A few of you have indicated you are still looking for one.

Answers to commonly asked questions about mentors:

Who can be a mentor?

Practicing engineer of any type

Person with an engineering degree of any type but not practicing (i.e. retired or other type of position)

Licensed engineer

Engineering student

Where can you find an engineer mentor?

1. Parents of team members
2. School board members
3. Spouse or child of other faculty member (ask around!)
4. City engineers
5. Local companies near your school; call their general number or human resources to see if they will assist
6. Local university
7. Contact us (as some of you have) and we will try to help but please check out the above ideas first.

How much time does the engineer-mentor have to give?

Time and schedule is arranged by the teacher and engineer to fit their schedules. There is no maximum or minimum requirement. Some mentors meet a few times and act as advisors via email and phone calls. Maybe they meet with your team once a month. Other mentors attend meetings regularly to work closely with kids. This is up to the arrangement you make with the engineer. Hint: the teams that seem to do the best usually have an engineer who comes in on a regular basis even if it is not always once a week. Consistency seems to work best with the students.

Please feel free to offer advice/help to other FC teachers by responding to this email and copying all.

T shirt order: We are ordering t-shirts for teams that complete the whole FC process. Please email me and Paula King (kingp@ipfw.edu) with the following information:

1. # of teams you are working with (even if this is just a guess)
2. Optional: additional t-shirts you would like to purchase (sizes needed)

Each teacher, engineer, and official 3-person team member receives a shirt for free.

Thanks,
Carol
FC Co-Coordinator