



EnvironMentors
Explore Your World



EnvironMentors is a program of :



National Council for Science and the Environment
Improving the scientific basis for environmental decisionmaking

Program Goals



- **One-to-one mentoring relationships** between science and environmental professionals and high school students
- **Engaging youth** from underrepresented communities in environmental sciences
- **Developing interest** and preparedness of college degree programs and careers in environmental fields

How Far We Have Come: The Program's History

Initiated in Washington, DC in 1992 with the help of then Vice President Al Gore

Worked with well over 2,200 students in 17 years

Results:

99% EnvironMentors students graduate from high school (compared to DCPS graduation rate of 60%)

95% of our students are admitted to a 2 or 4 year college (compared to DC college admission rate of 15.6%)

EnvironMentors at NCSE



The Process: Environmental Science Projects

Student-mentor pairs research, design, and carry out environmental science research projects throughout the school year.



Background Research

- Students choose a topic, develop a literature review, and conduct expert interviews.



Getting Dirty: Experimental Design and Field Work



Sharing the Knowledge: Elementary School Presentations



Annual Fair and Awards Ceremony



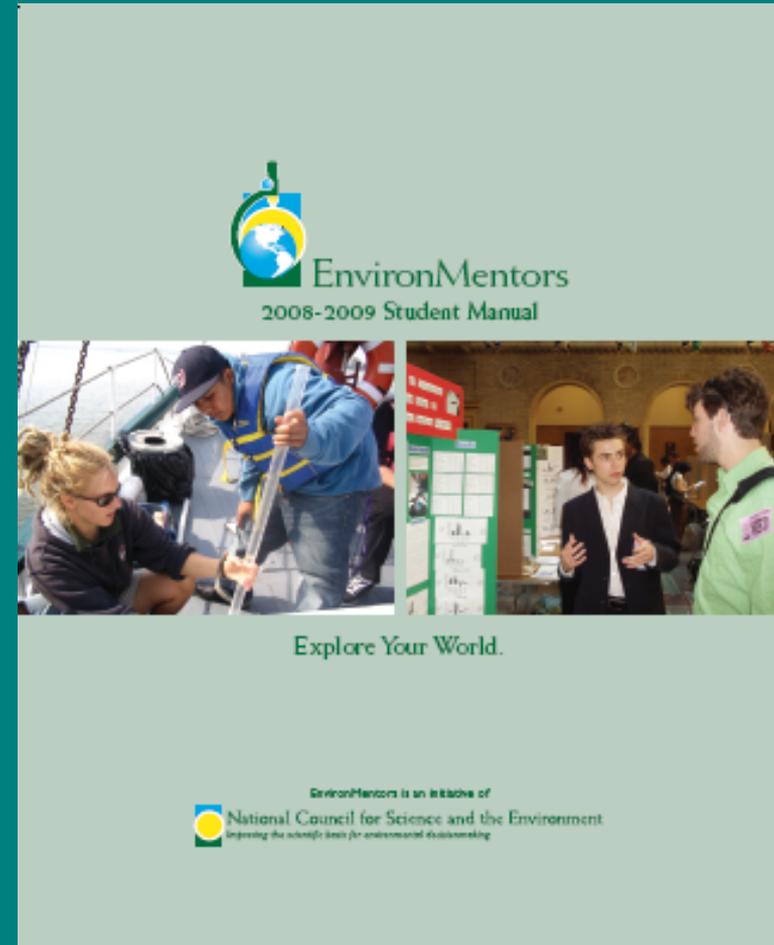
The Mentor's Role

- Develop a relationship with the student
- Support environmental research project
- Encourage discussion of college, particularly majors and careers in environmental science



Tools for Mentors and Students

- Student-Mentor Manual
- Weekly Progress Emails
- Skills Workshops
- EnvironMentors Portal
- Monthly Mentor Meetings
- In-class Student Support from Coordinators
- Coordinator Support via Telephone
- Scheduled Events
- Other Mentor Support Activities



Why Participate? **WE HAVE FUN!**



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