



¡La Chispa! Mentors

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A bilingual leadership conference for middle level Latino students throughout Washington State

¡La Chispa! translates as The Spark! Our goal for this one-day leadership conference is to ignite a spark and create a flame of focused energy with middle level Latino students in Washington state.

High School & College Mentors

1. Go to www.lacima.org/lachispa#mentor to sign up to serve as a mentor and confirm your t-shirt size.
2. Prepare one-two weeks before your workshop.
3. Consider what it means to be a mentor. You will lead 9-14 middle school students at the workshop. Be on time!

Mentor Responsibilities

- Share your dreams and success with younger students.
- Serve as a role model for the one-day workshop by following directions, speaking on the mic, and smiling.
- Facilitate a group of 9-14 middle school students.
- Participate with enthusiasm.
- Go to www.lacima.org/lachispa#mentor to sign up to serve as a mentor and confirm your t-shirt size.
- Review student handouts, facilitation video (www.lacima.org/lachispa) and practice activities with mentor team.
- Prepare volunteer paperwork to be signed by ¡La Chispa! Facilitator or your adviser.
- Bring a sack lunch!
- **Please arrive at 7:30 a.m. to help the facilitators set up. You will receive a T-shirt, a notebook with handouts, lesson plans, a schedule and some instruction on activities.**
- **The day ends at 2:00 p.m.**

A Right Question

As an educator, my first question is, "What are the right questions?" – Vincent Perez

At ¡La Chispa!, we will ask and answer important questions such as, "Can you tell us about your family's educational history, and what that means to you?" Please consider this question and be prepared to share your story. Here are a few more, "Can you tell a story about failure and what you learned from it? Can you tell a story about success?"



Why ¡La Chispa!?

The Latino population is the fastest growing student population in the nation. Unfortunately, the Latino student population also claims the highest dropout rate of all student demographic groups. La Chispa's dual language delivery model values the bicultural experience of Latino youth and helps to inspire an academic identity!

Student Participants Will:

- Build an academic identity through positive connections with Latino high school and college role models
- Engage in a bilingual & biliterate environment designed to promote the value of reading, writing and speaking in two languages
- Learn leadership and life skills including: goal setting, teambuilding, leadership styles, resiliency, service to one's school and community, and negotiating a bicultural existence
- *Adults attending the conference will learn with their students and will also have networking time with other committed educators and community members from 11am-noon.

THANK YOU! ¡MIL GRACIAS! Your service is critical to our success. When you share positive stories about your academic identity, family drive and steps towards higher education, you help to create powerful narratives in the lives of younger students. Middle school students may adopt your positive stories into their own life narrative. You can reveal what is possible by naming your life challenges, choices and positive outcomes.