About Assist Visits

Requirements

Students visit each week for the designated number of hours approved on the school’s Assist Grant Application.

Vacation, illness, and other excused absences must be communicated with the Assist Coordinator and/or Student Supervisor.

Students must submit one reflection for each block of time worked. These are due by your school-designated weekly deadline.

Activity Suggestions

Light housework

Light yardwork

Bake or cook together

Homework help

Have deep conversations

Talk about the student’s future and possible careers

Work on hobbies together

Teach each other something new
Miscellaneous Visit Rules

Time that students spend with mentors during a school or church function, community event, or volunteering at the church or school is not to be reported for PFE scholarship. While we encourage this as it is evidence of a relationship, students and mentors are to find time to connect outside of these situations.

Students are encouraged to spend time with their mentors, but students may not submit reflections for visits that occur during Sabbath hours.

Students conducting visits in nursing homes should not be serving as “general staff”: washing dishes, cleaning up after a meal, handing out drinks or snacks, shredding papers in the office, etc.

Train your students to choose individual over group activities. When visiting in facilities, students are not to be leading out in bingo, sitting at a table and mingling with everyone, etc. This is a time for students to be connecting with their specific mentor.

The Assist and PFE Programs were not created to prop up the nursing home industry. If a nursing home or other facility makes it difficult for you and your students to abide by Assist and PFE guidelines, then the placement is not a good fit.

Safety

We recommend allowing students to have cell phones on hand during visits in case of emergencies. Regardless, students must follow your school’s policy on cell phones.

Students should not be engaging in unsafe or age/situation-inappropriate activities.

Comply with your conference’s policies for safety and background checks.