



Adopt-a-Dolphin Guidelines

- Adopt-a-Dolphin is a silent mentoring program by which Noble teachers and staff develop relationships with individual students who are having difficulties.
- Adopt-a-Dolphin candidates are students who are at risk or not working up to their full potential due to non-school-related factors.
- Students who would be good candidates are referred to the Student Services Coordinator by classroom teachers, the Student Success Team (S.S.T.), or the Coordination of Services Team (C.O.S.T.)
- Each staff member should adopt at least one Dolphin.
 - Teachers do not need to send a permission slip to adopt a Dolphin in their own class. They do, however, need to fill out an Adopt-a-Dolphin referral form and turn it in to the Intervention Coordinator. In general teachers are not encouraged to adopt students in their own class.
 - Parent permission needs to be obtained for other staff members and teachers who adopt a Dolphin not in their own class.
- Staff member can adopt up to two Dolphins. In cases where more than one Dolphin is adopted they are encouraged to ensure that they give attention to each Dolphin as an individual.



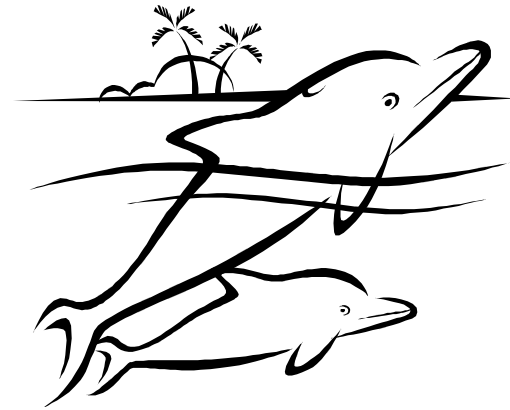
Dolphin Adopter Mentor Commitments

- I will check in with my Dolphin every day when possible
- I will show interest in my Dolphin's:
 - hobbies/interests
 - family
 - birthday
 - activities (what he/she did on weekend etc)
 - school performance
 - dreams and aspirations
- I will encourage my Dolphin to:
 - do homework
 - pay attention in class
 - behave on playground
 - make wise life decisions
 - plan for a university education
- When applicable I will share information/stories about myself (that I feel comfortable divulging) with my Dolphin
- I will offer my Dolphin encouragement and guidance. If problems arise I agree to be contacted by my Dolphin's:
 - teacher in case of classroom or homework issues
 - administration in case of behavior issues
- I will attend special school events and/or Student Success Team meetings for my Dolphin when possible.



Noble Avenue Elementary

Adopt-a-Dolphin Mentoring Program



**Dolphins Helping Dolphins—
Noble staff members mentoring students who are
at risk or not working up to their full potential**



**Staff members: Look for forms and information
about the Adopt-a-Dolphin program in Room 3.**