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<p>Administration Scheduling Need</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 minutes sessions (similar to special schedules for advisory periods, pep rallies, school assemblies - time can be adjusted up to maximum of 55 minutes per session but no less than 45 minutes per session) • Timing: just before lunch • Bi-monthly (except for holidays and testing months - total for the school year is 12-14)
<p>Faculty Participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors Talk Group as Mentor leads Talk Group. • Provides place to store students folders and 1 set of Talk Group Grids. • Provides white board, overhead projector, etc. as needed from regular classroom equipment. • Discipline as needed.
<p>StrengthBank® Mentor Recruiting Need</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting, administrative (includes background checks) and marketing needs are handled by StrengthBank Inc. and community leaders. School can provide helpful suggestions for mentors and has the right to eliminate for cause anyone who signs up to be a mentor.
<p>StrengthBank® Talk Group Day Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification to security: visitor passes or parking permits if needed on regular Talk Groups days and on days when a StrengthBank® Mentor may wish to invite another community member in for a testimonial and to observe the Talk Groups.



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Administration Commitment

- Be a positive role model to faculty and support the Talk Groups - The Talk Groups are as important as core curricula. They are the relational savvy that partners with intellectual learning to go into the world and successfully use the intellectual learning with others.
- Set Talk Groups Days and stick to them as any other official happening pre-scheduled. Mentors have scheduled their lives and businesses around these dates and need the confidence that the dates are set.
- Clear any administrative path for those mentors who wish to bring snacks to each one's Talk Groups.
- Allow regular substitute teachers to attend StrengthBank® Mentor training or Faculty Overview during in-service for days when a mentor or teacher may be absent.
- Insure that each StrengthBank® Mentor has a working electronic connection to each faculty member partner.
- Be on hand each Talk Group Day to meet and greet mentors.
- Be sensitive to Mentor and Faculty feedback - keep StrengthBank® Mentor Community Facilitators informed as early as possible of new needs or problems.
- Encourage school counselors to be visible to StrengthBank® Mentors for any necessary feedback sharing from Talk Group that day.