

## WHAT IS REBEL GROW?



Rebel Grow is a comprehensive Advisory Program that provides freshmen students with support as they transition to high school. Special emphasis is placed on preparing students academically and socially for their four years at South High School. The program is run by upperclassmen students under the direction of a classroom teacher.

## WHY IS REBEL GROW IMPORTANT?

The Rebel Grow program is an opportunity to be proactive and help all students transition successfully to high school. The program is designed to help students adjust to the rigor and challenge of high school coursework as well as assist all students with the social adjustment to high school.

## HOW IS REBEL GROW UNIQUE?

The most unique feature of the program is that it is exclusively run by student mentors. The student mentors have all applied and were selected and trained during the previous school year. They work with a small group of freshmen each day on a range of topics. To start the year they have focused on the history and traditions at South High School. The mentors also spent time talking about study skills and habits that can help students in the classroom. Perhaps most exciting is the opportunity to keep Freshmen engaged in the total life of the school community. As events occur during the school year (for example: Home Football Games), students are assisted with unfamiliar tasks such as purchasing tickets, which seem simple and automatic to upperclassmen.

The Rebel Grow Program has the potential to transform the culture of the school. By investing in Freshmen now (College and Career conversations) staff members have the opportunity to see the pay off for years to come. Research says, nothing is more difficult yet important as the "transition" from middle school to high school. The Rebel Grow program is doing something to address that.

