

2016-17 International Space Station Project Parent Mentor Application

Thank you for volunteering to help coach a Maranatha Christian Schools student as he/she develops an ISS project. We are very appreciative that you are willing to share your knowledge and time to help coach throughout the duration of the project.

Name: _____

Please describe your areas of math, science, engineering, management, public relations, project management, and related expertise to assist students and other parents as they seek a well-matched coach for their project. You may describe your professional experience or specialized training that will fit the needs of the team positions.

MCS gathers information in this ISS Coach Information and Agreement document to help provide well qualified and committed parents. Parent applicants should have a current MCS level 2 clearance necessary to provide a safe environment for all.

Role of the ISS Project Coach:

The role of a coach is to assist students in designing and carrying out their projects in a safe and timely manner. By agreeing to coach one or more students you are acknowledging that you possess a working understanding in a given field, though the project may lie somewhat outside of your specific expertise. Your signature also indicates that you have an understanding of the specific purpose for their experiments, and to assist them in a volunteer capacity without any expectation of compensation, whether expressed or implied. Should the planned experiment require specific equipment, you are also agreeing to either supply it yourself or to assist students in acquiring it from another source.

You are also agreeing to edit project conclusions to help assure accuracy and quality. By signing this agreement, you commit to help lead students to resources that will enable background research for their chosen topic. These resources can include the following: scientific journal entries, magazine articles, web sites, or any other applicable source of research material, including your own knowledge. It is not your responsibility to provide these resources to the student, only to provide help where you can.

Student Supervision:

1. All MCS students must be supervised by an MCS teacher or authorized employee at all times.
2. A coach's interaction with the students during school hours will remain at the discretion of the MCS administration and within the supervision of an MCS school employee.
3. Any off-campus activity with ISS students during the school day must be supervised by an MCS employee.
4. All off-campus activities requiring transportation will be arranged by MCS and must meet school requirements.

Parent Signature: _____