**East Jordan Rotary**

**STRIVE Program**

November 2022

East Jordan Rotary STRIVE program began in the fall of 1998. The program’s focus is on mentoring underperforming seniors to achieve high school graduation. Most of the students are seniors, with juniors being added if mentors and monies are available. Once a student graduates Rotary provides a scholarship for STRIVE students who wish to continue their education (up to $1,000 per student depending on available funds). East Jordan Rotary STRIVE typically serves 4-6 seniors per year.

A STRIVE middle school component was added at a later date with the goal of providing students who may be at-risk and underperforming with tools prior to high school.

STRIVE mentors are made up of mostly community members, and occasionally Rotary members. Typically, mentors meet with students weekly at school in a group setting.

Financial support is provided by Rotary based on student success and pays students quarterly. School attendance and grades, as well as participating in the weekly meetings with their mentor, are part of the reward system. Middle school students receive up to $30 quarterly and high school students up to $75 quarterly. To encourage STRIVE attendance, Rotary also provides a $10 gift card weekly for a drawing of those students in attendance. Weekly snacks, holiday and birthday celebrations are provided by the mentors.

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