

General Information

Grant Number	223
Project Title	Best Buddies Club
Please select the MAIN curriculum area your grant addresses.	Special Education
Does your grant have a technology component? (Will you have technology equipment, software, etc. in your budget?)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Primary Contact Information	
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Main Subject	Special Education
Grade(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12
I have co-applicants.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Describe details of the project

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Campus/Student Information	
Your campus:	Allen High School
Will other campus' be involved/impacted by this grant?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Your grade(s):	10,11,12
Will other grades be involved/impacted?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Project Purpose	
What is the problem, need, or opportunity that this grant will address? Explain what students will know and be able to do as a result of this project and/or how a problem will be addresses and/or how a situation improved because of the grant. (500 words or less.)	
To provide an atmosphere in which an authentic and intentional friendship between students with and without disabilities can be allowed to grow with support. Together we are building a more inclusive world, one friendship at a time, and we are erasing the invisible line that too often isolates those with disabilities from our schools, our workplaces, and our lives.	
Project Description	
How will the project or program be implemented? Describe activities and tasks. Who is the target population and in what ways will they benefit? (500 words or less.)	
To establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. First, by matching students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities in a mutually enriching one-to-one friendship. Second, by including them in typical high school activities as well as club/group activities designed just for them and their "buddies". The target population is the special education students who's academic schedule is more restricted to the special education classroom. Studies show that 83% of adolescents with IDD between ages 12-21 have experienced bullying, which puts them at risk for crushing loneliness and depression. 91% of Best Buddies participants say they feel more excepted by their friends.	

Allen ISD Goals/ TEKS

Which Allen ISD goals/TEKS does this project support? Provide only two or three examples.

§127.13. Career Preparation I- (2) The student develops skills for success in the workplace. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify and model appropriate grooming and appearance for the workplace;
- (B) demonstrate dependability, punctuality, and initiative;
- (C) research positive interpersonal skills, including respect for diversity;
- (D) model appropriate business and personal etiquette in the workplace;

(6) The student applies the use of self-development techniques and interpersonal skills to accomplish objectives. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify and practice effective interpersonal and team-building skills with coworkers, managers, and customers; and
- (B) develop effective leadership skills through participation in activities such as career and technical student organizations.

Measurement

What specific measurements will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project? (500 words or less)

The student officers will check in with the peer buddies on a weekly basis and report back to the special education adviser. Officers and members will have separate monthly meetings as well as have bi-monthly events to include their "buddies". Friendship updates will be required to be turned in by peer buddies and "buddies" parents at the beginning of each month.

Teaching Methods

What teaching methods will be used to implement this project? (500 words or less.)

Trainings for the peer buddies by teachers and staff; meetings with the club members and teachers; camp with other peer buddies leadership

Timeline

What is the project timeline and the date of implementation?

Beginning in August there will be a match party introducing the peer buddies to their "buddies". These friendships will continue through the academic year with support of a special education and general education advisers.

Curriculum/System Support

Explain how this idea or project enhances/supports Allen ISD curriculum or existing systems.

This will support a growing movement of people with and without disabilities, dedicated to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to have a friend. Often our special education students have no friends outside of the school day. This club is to establish and support those friendships creating a community of understanding, tolerance and togetherness in Allen.

Budget details

Budget Details ** All awarded funds will be available by September of the next school year.

Budget Item	Item Type	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Best Buddies Resources/Dues	Instructional Supplies or Resources	300.0	1	300.0

BUDGET TOTAL 300

Are there any additional funds available for this grant? Campus or District Funds? PTA funds? Let us know if you have or will be seeking funds from other sources to help with this project.

Additional funds? No
 Yes

Signature page and principal contact

Principal Approval Required		
Please provide the Name and Email of your Principal		
First Name	Last Name	Email Address (Completed)
Matt	Russell	matt_russell@allenisd.org
Applicant Signature		
By entering my name below I signify that I understand that if I move within the District and have written the grant myself, I may take the grant with me to my school (as long as it is appropriate for my classes). If I have written the grant as part of a team, I will leave the grant behind with the team. If I leave AISD, I will leave the grant with the school for which I wrote the grant. As a condition of this grant, I will complete an evaluation form provided by the Foundation.		
Signature		Tia McVey
Date		03/26/2015

Principal's approval form

I certify that this would be a good use of funds for our school and this grant supports the district goals and/or our campus improvement plans. **Do NOT include any identifiers, such as: campus name, your name, teachers name or mascot **
No actions possible.
Comments
The Best Buddies club is a wonderful example of our students and staff seeking better ways to include all students in "real world" experience of having a friend. This club will assist in fostering authentic relationships and will be a benefit to many students, parents, and the community as a whole.

History and final disposition of application

State Change History	
State Change	***** 03/26/2015 17:21:43 Submitted
State Change	***** 03/27/2015 09:46:38 Accepted
Grant Status	
Grant Awarded	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Award Amount	300