



Chapter Contract

Welcome to Best Buddies, the world's largest volunteer movement dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of people with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). Our school programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, improve public speaking and self advocacy skills and become truly included in the school community.

We are excited to welcome _____ as an official Best Buddies chapter. The entire Best Buddies community is eager to support your success and help you achieve your goals to change the world. This document outlines our shared commitment for the school year. This documents will be referenced throughout the school year to ensure we are working together in the most productive way and are focused on our shared goals.

Chapter Commitment

- Everyone will be treated equally and with respect and members will set the standard of inclusion throughout the school.
- The chapter is an approved and registered club on school campus for the current academic year and the administration acknowledges and supports the chapter.
- For safety and membership purposes, all chapter volunteers will complete (or renew for existing members) a membership application at www.bestbuddiesonline.org and share friendship updates using our app, [Best Buddies Mobile!](#)
- Opportunities for leadership roles will be available to students with and without disabilities, including but not limited to the roles of Chapter President, Buddy Director, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- All buddy pairs meet the commitment of weekly communication and spending time together at least twice on a monthly basis; promoters chapters and associate members will meet the commitments through awareness activities held at least quarterly.
- Regular chapter meetings, officer meetings, group activities and fundraisers will be hosted by the chapter.
- The leadership team will attend the Best Buddies Leadership Training Day hosted by the state office.
- The chapter president will attend the Best Buddies International Leadership Conference in July. The registration fee to attend the conference is included in the chapter dues; however, the chapter is responsible for transportation expenses to the conference.
- Submit \$350 for chapter dues by June 1 (not applicable for middle school or elementary school chapters).

Best Buddies Commitment

- Best Buddies staff support and training providing through leadership coaching, resources, and communication.
- Access to marketing materials, tools for best practices, and the use of Best Buddies name and logo.
- Use of chapter management tools such as [Best Buddies Online](#) chapter portal website and [Best Buddies Library](#) for all Best Buddies training materials and documents.
- Unique and impactful leadership training through the Best Buddies International [Leadership Conference](#) and Leadership Training Day.
- Provide liability coverage under Best Buddies International's general liability for large events.
- Opportunities to participate in meaningful events and original community awareness activities such as the Annual Friendship Walk.

Chapter Agreement

By signing below, you acknowledge your responsibility to maintain an active Best Buddies International chapter at your school and agree to fulfill the above responsibilities.

School Name

Chapter President

Date

Special Education Advisor / Host Site Coordinator

Faculty Advisor

Best Buddies Staff