

BOOST

Bester Out of School Time

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: BASIC GUIDELINES

In collaboration with Washington County Public Schools, Bester Community of Hope (BCOH) will be providing a health and wellness centered afterschool program to promote student social and emotional development through fun and engaging experiences. BCOH partners with Bester Elementary and other community partners to bridge community and school relationships as well as strengthen the natural resources within the local community. BOOST will assist students in making positive connections with safe & healthy adults while nurturing students social and emotional development and overall well-being. This year we will serve students K-5 and will accept the first 60 students that return their completed registration packet.

It is our hope that you and your student will feel like valued partners, and we welcome you to join us to check it out. We will also be planning fun and engaging family events throughout the marking period and hope to see you there. As with most things in life, we have outlined some guidelines to aid in the success of your student.

The 2022-2023 school year session will begin **TBD** and continue through **June 2nd**. Programming will take place **Monday- Friday 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm. All participants will be picked up before 5:30 pm.**

As a condition to enrollment and on-going participation, you and your child must adhere to the following guidelines:

Schedule/ Structure:

1. At the end of the school day, students will be dismissed from their classrooms to BOOST program staff.
2. Students Schedule:
 - 3:15-3:50 pm- Transition/ take attendance/meal/ Social Emotional lessons
 - 3:50-4:50 pm- Enrichment Activities
 - 4:50-5:30 pm- Dismissal/Additional Enrichment Activities
3. Attendance for this program is **MANDATORY**. Students who have 3 unexcused absences per marking period, or who are regularly signed out early or picked up late, will be asked to meet with the BOOST Coordinator and may be dismissed from the program.
4. If a student attends school but will be absent from BOOST parents are required to notify the site coordinator by phone or e-mail.
5. The goal of BOOST is to support healthy students and families. Please talk with the BOOST coordinator if your student attends other after school activities that conflict with programming.

6. BOOST follows the WCPS calendar and operates when school is in session. Programming will NOT be held on days that school is closed. If school is released early for any reason, programming will NOT be held.

Participation:

1. Students must be present in school to participate in programming. If your child misses a day, they are not permitted to attend the after-school program that day.
2. Students are expected to attend each program session. If a student is absent for more than 3 days per marking period, it is grounds for withdraw from the program.
3. To make sure students have a positive and successful experience parents are encouraged to participate in scheduled family events and provide feedback to program staff on programming, activities, etc.

Code of Conduct:

1. Students are expected to follow the behavioral expectations set by BOOST and WCPS. If student(s) cannot follow these behavioral guidelines, the program staff will contact their parents and may ask the student(s) to leave the BOOST program for the remainder of the day. Repeated or severe violations of the behavioral expectations may result in the student not being able to participate in BOOST.
2. Please refer to the WCPS Student Handbook for additional information regarding code of conduct.

Dismissal:

1. All students must be picked up at 5:30 pm. Please ensure prior arrangements are made for your child and reach out to program staff if an emergency arises.
2. To ensure the safety and well-being of all students:
 - a. A parent or guardian must communicate by phone or e-mail to the BOOST coordinator any changes in authorized pick-up persons or dismissal.

Program Staff Contact Information:

Amanda Boyle, M.Ed Director of Community Schools :aboyle@besterhope.org; phone:240-452-6841

Child's Name: _____

By signing this document, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to comply with the Program Overview Guidelines. You also acknowledge that failure to comply with these guidelines may result in loss of your child's space within the program.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN

DATE

(Caregiver keeps overview. Staff keeps signature page.)

