

STARTING A MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPTER

Steps to make it happen



APPROVAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

LEADERS WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES

Student leadership board

Guided by at least one teacher (chapter advisor)

Students who are not matched in a friendship should be encouraged to serve as committee chairs, planning fun events and chapter opportunities



A MEETING TIME AND PLACE THAT WORKS

Use pre-scheduled blocks like study hall, homeroom, or lunch
Meet regularly so that pairs know when to participate



MEET THE MISSION

Make matches in the fall (share on your BBO portal by Nov. 1)
Pairs should talk once a week and see each other twice a month

Share your success using your Best Buddies Online portal

PARTICIPATION IN TRAININGS

Visit <https://www.bestbuddies.org/bbu/volunteer-trainings/> to discover tools and resources to ensure all members feel confident and prepared for a great experience in Best Buddies



Chapter leaders are also encouraged to participate in state and national trainings as recommended by your state staff contact