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.