

buddies

Mentor and Service Organization

El Paso Alpha Chapter

WHO ARE WE?

The BECHS Buddies are a mentor and service organization for the Burges Early College High School. All members are currently sophomore, junior, and senior students in the BECHS program.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Our Buddies serve as mentors for our incoming BECHS freshmen students. Our main objective is to assist them with the difficult transition from 8th grade to high school and eventually college-level coursework.

We also strive to develop into capable, balanced leaders who support Burges High School, the surrounding community, and the city of El Paso.

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A BUDDY?

Our Buddies strive for academic and extracurricular success, with an added emphasis on personal and professional growth. We also aim to be a positive influence on our student body and community. Most student groups and teams on campus have Buddies in leadership positions. In short, our Buddies strive to do what is right, even when no one is watching us.

PROGRAM IMPACT

In addition to mentoring, our organization serves as an additional form of Response to Intervention (RTI), providing feedback to teachers and administrators about the BECHS Freshmen experience. The Buddies also encourage participation in campus events and activities, both through our own projects and as volunteers working with other organizations on campus (Student Council, National Honor Society, etc.).

PROGRAM GOALS

Our overall goals for the coming year are as follows:

- Continue to drive student growth and success on campus through participation and support;
- Increase freshmen student participation in campus activities and groups by 5%;
- Expand to other campuses in El Paso and, hopefully, throughout Texas;
- Create a network of mentors to share ideas, strategies, best practices, and support.

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