

Kiwanis

BRING UP GRADES

FACILITATOR/TEACHER GUIDE



WHAT IS THE BRING UP GRADES (BUG) PROGRAM?

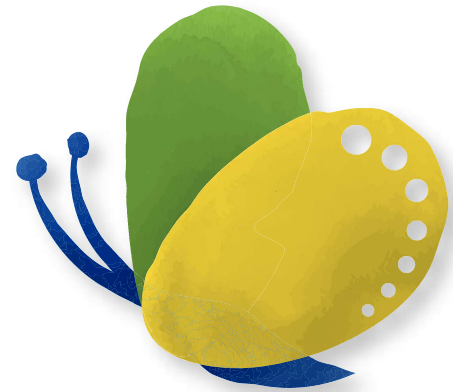
Bring Up Grades recognizes students for their academic successes. Participants who raise their grades or maintain good grades from one grading period to the next earn recognition and the entire class celebrates! Students who consistently get good grades can challenge themselves further by taking advanced classes on the topics if the school offers them.

HOW DOES IT HELP STUDENTS?

BUG encourages students to reach their potential. Participants develop their own goals and work with "goal buddies" in their class to stay on track.

THE PROGRAM WORKS BECAUSE STUDENTS

- Compete with themselves, not other students.
- Decide what grades they want to change.
- Learn how to set and achieve goals.
- Gain confidence from peer mentoring.
- Become accountable and learn to solve problems.



HOW DOES BUG WORK?

Students create goals. Then they meet with the program facilitator to go over their goals, which should be realistic and attainable, so students can see quick progress. You then decide how you wish to track their goals. You can use the simple form provided on the back of this brochure and set aside time to check in with them as often as you feel necessary — or use your sponsor to help with check-ins.

Action: Decide how you want to check on goal progress.

Peer mentoring can help students hold themselves accountable. A goal buddy can be assigned to help keep students on track each week. Goal buddies can change weekly or remain the same throughout the grading or designated period.

Action: Determine how you want the goal buddy system to work.

Once participants achieve their goals, they are honored for bringing up their grades with a recognition celebration. The sponsor, typically a Kiwanis club, may provide pizza or some other food for the classroom and/or hand out BUG certificates or a small prize to students who have achieved their goals.

Action: Determine the celebration type and time that works best for your classroom and sponsor.



SPONSOR

Facilitators should meet with the sponsor, and even with the school principal, before starting the program. Be sure to communicate with your sponsor about any training or background check requirements for your school. Your sponsor can be used in several ways, so discuss the options ahead of time. For instance, sponsors can:

- Explain the program to the classroom.
- Help students work on creating their goals.
- Meet with students to review their weekly goals.
- Purchase supplies for the class.
- Honor students with certificates at the recognition celebration.
- Pay for pizza or some other treat at the recognition celebration.

Action: Decide how you wish to work with your sponsor. Consider your sponsor a partner and determine how best to collaborate for success.

Action: Exchange contact information with your sponsor.

Action: Make sure your sponsor is aware of any rules/policies around food, prizes, etc., in your classroom.

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BRING UP GRADES GOAL

MY NAME:

MY GOAL:

HOW I'M DOING ON MY GOAL:

MY GOAL BUDDY'S NAME:

THEIR GOAL:

HOW MY BUDDY IS DOING ON THEIR GOAL:



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