



BPL Homework Buddies is a free homework help program that pairs teen volunteers with younger students in grades 1-6. This program is designed for those needing extra help completing their homework in the reading/language arts, math, science and social studies/humanities subject areas. The program provides teens with the opportunity to take positive leadership roles and make a significant contribution to the lives of the children in their community, while instilling a sense of confidence and comprehension in younger learners. Homework Buddies meet once a week for one hour to work together on homework assignments.

***\*Please note: The BPL Homework Buddies program is a volunteer mentoring service. Teen volunteers are neither expected nor trained to correct specific learning problems. For specific learning/behavioral disabilities, parents should seek a trained professional.***

Teen volunteers and younger students are matched up by the Teen & Children's Services Librarian according to interests and schedule preferences. Teens must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA to participate.

All Homework Buddy sessions take place in the Burlingame Library during open hours and during the school year. **NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE.** Teen volunteers commit to at least a 4-month (one semester) session. If the pair wishes to continue, they are welcome to do so until they age out of the program.

**Teens** who wish to participate must fill out an **Application for Teen BPL Homework Buddies**. All teen volunteers are **required** to attend training prior to the beginning of their session. Turn in a completed application at the Children's Desk of the Main Library.

**Teen trainings are held in September and January.**

**Parents with students in grades 1-6** who wish to participate in BPL Homework Buddies must submit a completed **Application for BPL Homework Buddies (grades 1-6)**. Turn in your completed application at the Children's Desk of the Main Library. You will be contacted after the teen training to confirm your child's placement.

Parents are responsible for picking their child up on time. The Library cannot be responsible for unattended children should the teen buddy need to leave if you are late (children under age 10 may not be left in the Library). Should either party arrive late or skip more than two sessions without prior arrangement, the sessions will be terminated and one or both of the buddies will be reassigned. If a child is found to be consistently uncooperative and/or needing more help than a teen volunteer can offer, we will notify the parent and end their enrollment in the program.

**For any further questions, please contact:**  
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