

21st Century BEST (Building Educational Success Together) High School After School Program

As of January 2011, Framingham has been fortunate to receive 21st Century funding to provide an afterschool program at Framingham High School. The BEST *Building Educational Success Together* program provides these opportunities:

- The support of a BEST Faculty Partner who meets regularly with each student to ensure each participant knows about all the options in the BEST program and that each student is meeting all program expectations.
- Small group/individual tutoring, with a focus on math, science and writing, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:15-3:15 pm. Informal tutoring sessions are also available Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Fun activities to follow tutoring from 3:15-4:15, such as Strategic Board Games and Fitness.
- For-credit courses, such as Creative Writing and Photography, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:15-4:15. These courses, taught by Framingham High School teachers, meet all requirements for students to receive credit on his/her high school transcript.
- This year, BEST offers students the opportunity to participate on Mondays (2:15-4:15pm) in a program which will lead to a student-run business at Framingham High School. In this program, run by a Framingham High School teacher in partnership with staff from the Young Entrepreneurs Alliance, students will learn all the steps necessary to start and actually run a small business. (This course is not for-credit.)
- A healthy snack each program day, Monday-Thursday, 2:00-2:15pm.
- Transportation at the end of the program to Neighborhood Bus Stops. The buses will depart from Framingham High School between 4:15-4:30pm.

In return, we expect student participants will:

- Attend tutoring and/or course days on a regular basis. Absences must be excused in the same way as our regular school day program. Students are required to attend at least TWO DAYS each week.
- Meet regularly with the BEST Faculty Partner.
- Afterschool staff and equipment must be treated with the same respect and care as during the school day.

Parents/Guardians are required to sign and return a permission form to give BEST staff access to their child's Framingham High School records. There is a \$30 registration fee. Students who take a for-credit course must also pay a \$30 course fee to be refunded if the student completes the course requirements and receives credit.

For further information, please contact the program coordinators:

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