

Incentives for Attendance and Participation

Parent Engagement

Your involvement makes Summer Enrichment with Big Buddy even more fun for your child. With F.A.M.E. activities families can earn points for prizes and recognition. This summer, F.A.M.E. activities will include a take-home "Around the World with Big Buddy" craft to complete with their families. Look for updates on F.A.M.E. activities via text, email, and GroupMe! *"When parents are engaged in their child's education and afterschool activities, it strengthens the home-school connection and boosts student motivation, confidence, and success."*

Parent/Guardian F.A.M.E. Points

F.A.M.E.: Family Activity and Meaningful Engagement

Families can also earn FAME points by joining family activities or Parent-Only events. FAME points can be traded for prizes. We are excited to see strong participation in the various Parent/Guardian events and activities!

Upcoming Events & Planned Activities

• Take-Home Family Craft

Sent Home: Weeks 1-2
Due Back: Weeks 5-6
Earn **FAME** Points!

• Summer Showcase

Thursday July 9th, 2026
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Earn **FAME** Points!

• Parents' Night Out

By Invitation Only
Wednesday July 15th, 2026
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Earn **FAME** Points!

Elementary



Middle School



Join your
GroupMe

My Child's Experience:

• My child's **Group Number** is:

• My child's **Field Trip Day** is:

• My child's **On-Site Enrichment** is:

• My child's **Enrichment center Selections** are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



"AROUND THE WORLD" with



Begins:

6/1/2026

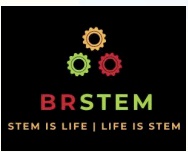
Ends:

7/9/2026

Activities Include...

Academic Enrichment, Music, Visual Art, Dance, Girl Scouts, Coding, Robotics, Sewing, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Gardening, Science Experiments, and Culturally Enriching & Fun Field Trips

Our Partners



Ralph and Sissy
STEPHENS



YOU MATTER *Woman's*

Young people in afterschool and summer programs are surrounded by caring mentors who help them feel a sense of belonging and that what they do and say matters.

Afterschool Alliance, 2023



Contact Us
225-388-9737

About Summer Enrichment

Big Buddy’s Summer Enrichment fosters your child’s overall growth and development through both academic support and enrichment experiences. Summer programs reduce summer learning loss while giving youth a safe, fun place to learn and grow. Together with our partners, we are excited to explore cultures and activities “Around the World” this summer!

Big Buddy works closely with school leaders, teachers, and the community to make sure this program meets your child’s needs. We are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment where every child can learn and succeed.

This handbook will give your family important information about the program. Please read it carefully and contact us with any questions.

Weekly Country Themes

- Week 1: Japan
- Week 2: Australia
- Week 3: Ghana
- Week 4: Brazil
- Week 5: England
- Week 6: USA



Program Components

-  **Academic Support**
Students will receive targeted academic instruction in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math during daily “WIN – What I Need” sessions to support skill development and prevent learning loss. Middle school students will learn through applied Humanities (ELA) & Business Development (Math) lessons. Elementary instruction will emphasize foundational Reading and Math skills. All academic content is aligned with state standards. *“The more time students spend engaged in focused academic activities, the greater their skill development and long-term academic success.”*
-  **Enrichment & Personal Growth Experiences**
This Summer, students will make enrichment selections from a menu of offerings, allowing them to exercise choice and agency in their learning experiences. Thanks to community partners, they’ll enjoy activities on and off campus through our dedicated Enrichment Center and Field Trips. *“Engaging in enrichment activities supports young people’s overall well-being by fostering confidence, creativity, social connection, and a sense of purpose beyond the classroom.”*

Summer 2026 Program Logistics

 **Elementary Program Location:**
855 Progress Rd., Baton Rouge, 70807

 **Middle School Program Location:**
1150 S 12th St., Baton Rouge, 70802

 **Start Date:** 6/1/2026

 **End Date:** 7/9/2026

 **Program Days:** Mon–Thurs

 **Start Time:** 8:00 AM

 **End Time:** 4:30 PM

 **Site Opens:** 7:30 AM

 **Bus Pick Up:** 7:30 AM

 **Bus Departure:** 4:30 PM

 **Site Closes:** 5:00 PM

 Follows All EBR Holidays and Emergency or Weather-Related Closures

There will be NO PROGRAM on Thursday, June 18th or Monday, July 6th, 2026

Dress Code



Youth should wear their school uniforms (school shirt & school bottoms). They may also wear a Big Buddy shirt with school bottoms. On **Field Trip Days**, students **MUST** wear their **Big Buddy Field Trip Shirts**.

Cell Phones & Personal Items



Youth should leave all personal items at home. Big Buddy is not responsible for lost personal items. We highly encourage that cell phones, electronic devices, and other valuables be left at home.

Enrichment Selection



Youth will have a selection of enrichment experiences both on-site and at our dedicated Enrichment Center. Each course will finish with a project or performance for the Showcase. **Note:** *Choices may be limited if a youth enrolls after the start date.*

Attendance



Coming to Summer Enrichment with Big Buddy every day is very important. When youth miss, they lose out on learning, fun activities, and time with role models. Parents and Guardians, please do your best to **make sure your child attends every day**.

Transportation



Big Buddy provides bus rides to and from program for students. Buses begin picking up at 7:30 AM to take students to the program site, and leave the site at 4:40 PM each day. Some addresses may not be in the drop-off area, and not eligible for transportation. A Big Buddy staff person will contact you if you are not eligible for transportation. Late pick-up fees begin at 5:00 PM. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each 15-minute interval after 5:00 PM.