

Buena BOOST 21st CCLC

2024-25 Year End Program Snapshot

J.P. Cleary Elementary School and Buena Regional Middle School



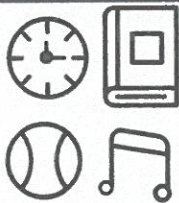
Student Enrollment

- The BOOST program enrolled 236 students in after school programs in grades 3 through 8 in 2024-25.
- 52% of BOOST participants are either Black or Hispanic.
- 58% of participants are considered economically disadvantaged.



Program Attendance

- 85% of students enrolled in the BOOST program attended for 30+ days, meeting state attendance requirements.
- 48% of students enrolled in the BOOST program attended for 70+ days between September and May.



Student Engagement

- Students at J.P. Cleary Elementary School note that they benefit most from engaging activities such as Legos, STEM, Gym, Bucket Drumming, and Cooking.
- Buena Middle School students mention their favorite activities being Youth Center, cooking and gym.



Academic Efficacy

- 71% of students responding to assessment surveys report that getting good grades is one of their main goals.
- 54% of participant survey responses indicate that students take pride in doing their best in school.



Positive Behavioral Norms

- 72% of students feel that it is true that they have learned to listen to other peoples' ideas.
- 70% of participants report that they feel compelled to help when someone is having a problem.



Trusting Relationships

- 59% of students responding to assessment surveys report that there is an adult in the after school program who they enjoy being around.
- 44% of BOOST students can identify an adult that has helped them with a problem.
- 46% of students say they will miss BOOST staff once the program is over.



A Look Inside BOOST:

A Day in the Life

Homework Help

The BOOST Program provides students with daily Homework Help with instructional staff. This activity supports the goal of improving youth academic achievement.

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Number of Buena Regional School District Certified Teachers and Paraprofessionals working after school with BOOST program participants on a rotating basis between two program sites.

Students complete daily academic, cultural, artistic, character education and physical enrichment activities. These activities support NJ DOE goals of improving student behavior, social emotional skill acquisition and positive youth development. Activity examples for each site are provided below.

J.P. Cleary Elementary School

- Coding
- Legos
- Color Creations
- Walking & Talking
- Kids in the Kitchen
- STEM challenges
- Fun in the Gym
- Gardening
- Dance
- Drawing
- Beading
- Puzzles and Games

Buena Regional Middle School

- E-sports
- Brain Games
- Top Chef
- Karaoke
- Fun in the Gym
- Board Games
- Beads & Bracelets
- Bingo
- Outdoors & More
- Trivia Games
- Kahoot
- Weird Science

Field Trips

Students attend quarterly offsite trips to:

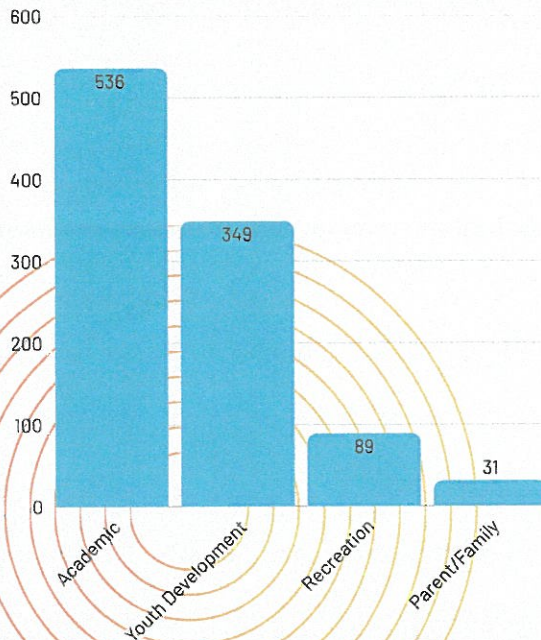
- Edelman Planetarium
- Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA swim instruction
- Cape May Zoo
- Urban Air
- Stone Harbor Wetlands Institute
- DiDonato's Bowling Center



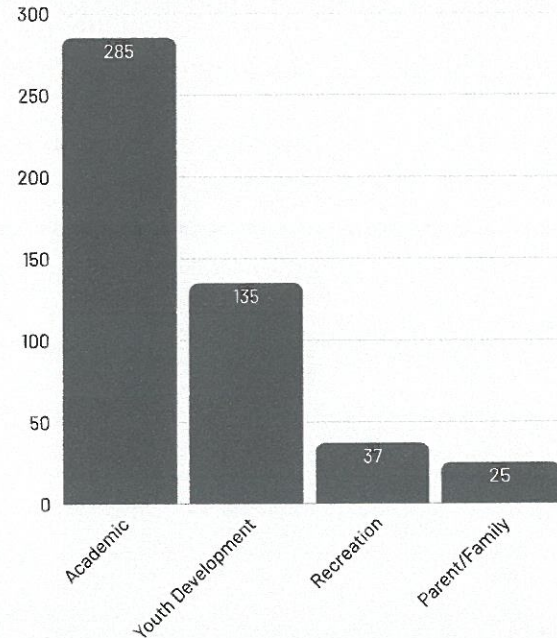
Activity Dosage

The following chart depicts the number of hours students and families participated in BOOST programs by activity category during the 2024-25 school year.

J.P. Cleary Elementary School



Buena Regional Middle School



Parent Feedback

73% of parents surveyed in online assessments rate the quality of the BOOST program as "excellent".

54% of parents strongly agree that program staff model positive interactions with participants.

76% of parents report improvements in their child's self-esteem since joining the BOOST program.

88% of parents feel that the BOOST program has helped their child complete their homework with greater ease.

Parent Events

Family Bingo Night

Lights on Afterschool

Rainbow Fish and Marine Creatures Craft night

Games and Puzzles night

Mathnasium event

Family kickball event

