BUENA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

B>O>O>S>T

2025 – 2026

The BOOST program provides academically aligned, culturally enlightened, socially responsible and healthy, family centered opportunities to Buena Regional School District students in grades three through eight using a STEAM theme-base.

Student Participation: Enrollment and Attendance

Dr. JP Cleary Elementary School

- **110** regularly attending students during the school year;
- **74** students attended daily during the school year;
- **18,429** hours of programming offered each school year.

Buena Regional Middle School

- **77** regularly attending students during the school year;
- **44** students attend daily during the school year;
- **10,647** hours of programming offered each school year.

"I really like to do homework after school and work with my friends. There are not as many distractions as at home".

"I joined becasue my parents work late and I need a safe place to be after school. I also wanted to join for fun and to be with my friends".

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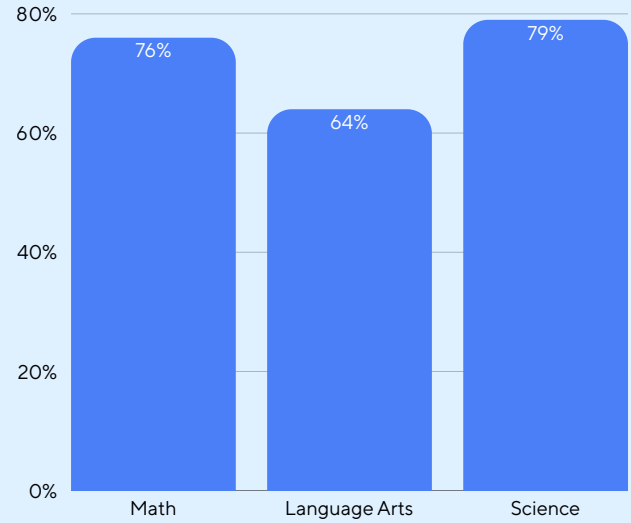
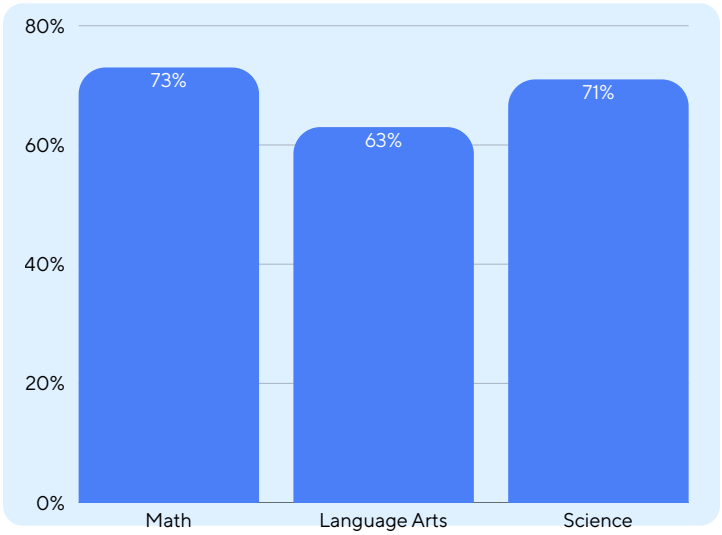
YOUTH OUTCOMES: ACADEMIC PROGRESS

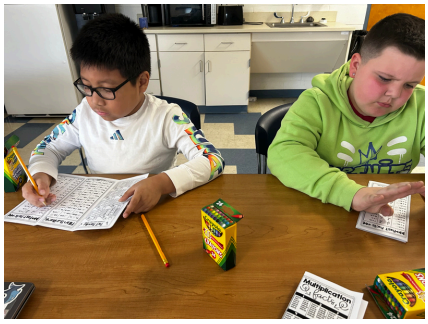
CLASSROOM GRADES

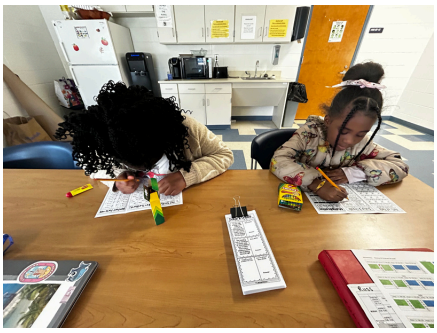
Percentage of 3rd – 5th grade BOOST students earning 3's and 4's in core content areas at the end of the second trimester.

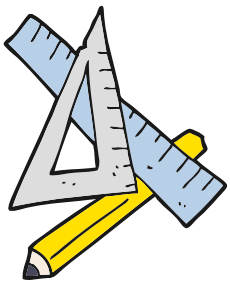




Percentage of 6th – 8th grade BOOST students earning A's and B's in core content areas at the end of the 3rd quarter.







Remediation at its Finest - Math Tutoring: The year, certified teachers worked with targeted students to build their math skills in a relaxed, encouraging environment. At its core, tutoring blended STEAM learning and helped students feel more confident in math by practicing, thinking things through, and learning together.

YOUTH OUTCOMES: ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Most Talked About B.O.O.S.T. Activites

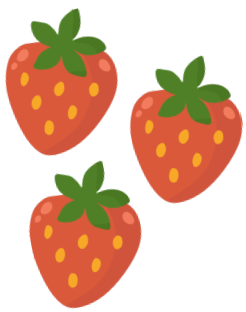
- Bead Keepers
- Cooking
- Gym
- Circuit Travels
- Art
- Kickball

✨ Activity Spotlight ✨

B.O.O.S.T. HEALTHY RECIPE CONTEST

The act of gathering to prepare the meal and eating it together, provides us with more than just sustenance. Our goal in the B.O.O.S.T. Program is to incorporate student involvement and engagement through the art of cooking.

Students Prepared: Chicken, Spinach, & Strawberry Wraps 🌯 with Feta and a Balsamic Glaze



BEYOND SCHOOL WALLS: PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Academic & Wellness Events

- Family STEM Night
- Math and Literacy Game Night
- Homework Help Workshop
- College and Career Readiness Night
- Family Reading Night
- Family Science Fair
- Student Showcase Night
- Family Wellness Night
- BOOST Community Garden
- Holiday Family Celebrations
- Family Fitness Night
- Healthy Cooking and Nutrition Classes
- Family Sports Tournament

Over **600** parents and family members attended engagement events during the 2025-26 program year!

KEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS

4-H Youth Development

Through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Atlantic County, B.O.O.S.T. students enjoyed workshops in which they discovered insect entomology. Students learned the basic parts of an insect, how to identify physical traits of insects and how to classify various insect types.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY YMCA

B.O.O.S.T. participants were offered water safety instruction and swimming lessons on a monthly basis through a collaboration with the county's local YMCA. More than 130 students benefited from this community-based health and fitness resource.

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