



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BELLEVUE

BE GREAT
graduate!

LOCATION HOURS

Monday & Friday*

2:00PM-7:00PM

Wednesday

12:00-7:00PM

Tuesday & Thursday**

2:00PM-8:00PM

*Transportation provided to and from Lake Night at South Bellevue Community Center on Friday from 7:00-10:30PM

**Tuesday, 6-8PM at TXL for Teen Feed

**Thursday, 6-8PM at Ground Zero Teen Center for Teen Feed

TUTORING IS AVAILABLE 5 DAYS A WEEK @ the Teen Excellence Center

**FREE tutoring available
Monday—Friday from 2-6PM**

**Specialized tutoring available
Tuesdays & Thursdays**

WHAT IS BE GREAT GRADUATE?

Be Great Graduate! is a unique program at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue designed to help youth in our community be more successful in school. Be Great Graduate is a drop out prevention program that targets youth in grades 8th – 12th who show warning signs associated with dropping out of school. To ensure academic success, the program offers one-on-one assistance and case management to identify and break down barriers for youth struggling in school. From our experiences with at-risk teens, we know that many times a teen will simply give up when faced with barriers, and our goal is to aid in breaking down those barriers and help the teens get where they need to be to ensure a successful future.

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CHECK OUT OUR SCHEDULE!

Monday- Open for tutoring. Individual check in, weekly updates.

Tuesday- Specialized tutoring at the Teen Excellence Center from 3:30-5:30 PM & 6:00-8:00PM

Wednesday- Open for tutoring.

Thursday- Specialized tutoring at Teen Excellence Center from 3:30-5:30PM & 6:00-8:00PM

Friday- Open for tutoring.

**Transportation can be provided if necessary.*

**FIELD TRIP TO
SOUNDERS FC VS. UNION**



GREAT LIVES START HERE!

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BE GREAT graduate!

The **BE GREAT GRADUATE!** program was developed by Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue under the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's new dropout prevention initiative identified as *Every Member, Every Year: A High School Graduation Strategy*. BGCA's aim for this initiative is to ensure that all Club members graduate from high school on time, plan for a post-secondary education and prepare for a 21st-century career. Be Great Graduate was developed through the assistance of several dropout prevention research methods and models. One of the major models for the program was based on the University of Minnesota's successful evidence-based model *Check & Connect*. This is a unique program designed to help youth in our community be more successful in school and help them plan for their graduation.

Be Great Graduate is a dropout prevention program that targets youth in grades 8th-12th who show warning signs associated with dropping out of school. The program recognizes these warning signs as the ABC's. According to research by Robert Balfanz at John Hopkins University, these ABC's clearly signal that a child is at risk:

Attendance. Those with poor attendance are more likely to drop out of school.

Behavior. Out-of-School suspensions are correlated with dropping out of school. However, youth who receive a poor final behavior grade in two or more courses are more likely to drop out than those who are suspended.

Course Failure. Students who fail two subjects are in significant danger of not graduating. In fact, few students who fail mathematics and English ever graduate.

This model is structured to maximize personal contact and opportunities to build trusting relationships. Student levels of engagement (such as attendance, grades, and behavior) are "checked" regularly and used to guide the case managers' efforts to increase and maintain students "connection" with school.

This is very similar to how the Be Great Graduate program operates.

1. **Academic Enrichment and School Engagement**
2. **Targeted Dropout Prevention**
3. **Intensive Intervention and Case Management**

Our organization has also worked closely with the Boys & Girls Clubs of L.A. Harbor, CA *College Bound* program <http://www.bgclaharbor.org/collegebound.htm> and Interlake High School's *ELITES* (Estudiantes Latinos Internacionales Trabajando por una Educacion Superior) program to help develop best practices for our program. Both of these programs have been very successful in helping close the achievement gap. Our mission is to utilize these resources and partnerships to ensure that our program is accomplishing the same success for our youth.

From our experiences with at-risk teens, we know that many times a teen simply gives up when faced with barriers, and our goal will be to break down those barriers and help the teens get where they need to be to ensure a successful future. To guarantee the success of these teens, staff will frequently meet with students to check their progress and make adjustments to students' individual plans according to their rate of progress and needs. These students will also have access to resources that provide information related to ESL, SAT, ACT, and GED courses if necessary. Tutoring and one-on-one assistance will also be available for the youth to utilize each week to help keep them on track towards graduation.



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**DO YOU NEED
HELP WITH
SCHOOL WORK?**

Tutoring is NOW available at



**Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30PM
and Tuesday & Thursdays from 6:00-8:00PM**

Please contact Mark Fagundes or Janelle Herrick with Be Great Graduate if you are interested in one-on-one homework help.

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