



AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

Key Program Elements & Guidelines

Daily Schedule

2:30 to 2:40 Settle in and eat a nutritious snack
2:40 to 3:40 Homework and Tutoring
3:40 to 4:00 Recreational or Enrichment Activity

Family Togetherness Nights

We are excited to introduce an evening for youth engaged in our programs to bring in their families for dinner and fun activities. These nights will focus on how youth are doing in the program, how to help youth achieve academic success and give the entire family the opportunity to participate in a special activity.

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance is required unless extenuating circumstances have been previously discussed. If a child cannot make it to Homework Club because they are sick or have some other engagement, the parent or guardian must contact staff and let them know.

Behavior Policy

Each child is allotted 3 behavior strikes. If a student breaks one of the Homework Club rules or guidelines he/she may be given a strike. Each strike will result in a call home. In addition, the first strike serves as a warning, the second requires the child speaking to Andrea Jones (Bootstraps' Program Director) and the third strike means the child is only allowed to attend Homework Club once a week until behavior has improved.

Personal and Club Goals

At the beginning of each year and again at the start of a new semester, each child will sit with a tutor and set three (3) academic goals. These can range anywhere from not missing any homework assignments to getting an A in a class. We want to motivate kids and help them strive for even higher achievement. In addition, as a club, we will set group goals (i.e. each student will receive one A on an assignment or test). As a group we will track our success and learn to work as a team and motivate our peers.

Community Service

Throughout the year, the Homework Club will have the chance to give back to the Beverly community. In place of recreational time, the children will all participate in a community service activity. This might include cleaning up a local park or helping in the Tom Gifford Food Pantry.

Sweet Peas Garden

The students will have the opportunity to participate in the Homework Club's gardening program. Once a week they will have the chance to seed, plant, and water Beverly Bootstraps' very own vegetable garden. They will work with a gardening expert to learn hands-on how an organic vegetable garden thrives. They will have the opportunity to harvest and bring home some of the vegetables. The rest will be donated to the Tom Gifford Food Pantry.

Pick-a-Book

At the beginning of the year, each child (with the help of a tutor) will search our bookshelves and find a book that suits his or her reading level and that he/she finds interesting. Whenever the child is finished with homework or has no homework, he/she can pick up the book and read. For each book the child completes, he/she will need to complete a short book report. At the end of the year, the student who has read the most books will receive a prize.