



ALL MS and HS students

Join the BLACK RIVER PROGRAM

SUPPORT A FELLOW STUDENT, WHILE EARNING COMMUNITY HOURS

<p>ABOUT THE PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to ALL BR students • You will be assigned to help students during instructional CLASS TIMES, social activities (e.g. LUNCH, CAP, OUTINGS, SENIOR LUNCH), and physical activities (GYM, SPORTS). • Program runs YEAR ROUND, also through PROJECT TERM. • You decide how long you want to be part of it and for how many hours per week. • You will be assigned to a student we think would benefit from your assistance, friendship and encouragement.. 	<p>WHAT DO BR LINKS DO?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to support a classmate with a disability or challenge • Encourage positive interactions between students with challenges and their fellow students • Model appropriate behavior for the target student • Be a good friend in and outside the classroom • Learn to work alongside students who may learn and interact differently than you • Regularly encourage, support and interact positively • Support the target student with their social, academic and organization needs, and when opportunities arise 	<p>BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links learn to relate to students with different needs and abilities • Links increase their understanding of individual differences • We build strong communities and schools • Links become more responsible • Students with challenges learn from their peer links in a natural way • We focus on student strengths and help create positive school-wide opportunities • Links can earn community service hours
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HOW TO APPLY

- **Pick up an application form** from the front office or outside the social work room 123.
- **Have an application emailed to you:** Send an email to Ms. Kim Richardson - richardsonk@brpsk12.org - with subject line: LINKS Application
- Fill it out, ask your parents to sign it, and turn it in.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- **Contact Kim Richardson, MA, MSW, School Social Worker, Black River Public School**
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