

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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Burlington Community School District's PiECES program

and

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois

This is an agreement between "Program", hereinafter called BCSD PiECES and "Partner", hereinafter called Girl Scouts.

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to partnership with the BCSD PiECES after school program.

In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- » Expand access to programming for more youth and their families within the BCSD PiECES program
- » Enhance students' and family learning through enrichment offered by our community partner
- » Expand opportunities for the youth and families of BCSD PiECES program to participate in activities and events held by the partner

II. BACKGROUND

The Girl Scouts offers troops in Burlington through their Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois chapter. The Girl Scout mission is to build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. Girls in the United States are growing up in a period of rapid demographic, social, and economic change. This state of constant change increases the challenges girls face to their health, happiness, and opportunities for success. Now more than ever, girls need Girl Scouts.

Research from the [Girl Scout Research Institute \(GSRI\)](#) provides compelling evidence that Girl Scouts fare better than non-Girl Scouts on a number of key measures of life success. Girls who are Girl Scouts – as well as women who were Girl Scouts for three or more years as girls – display more positive life outcomes with regard to education, financial stability (career and income), health, and leadership/civic engagement than their peers without experience as a Girl Scout.

Girl Scouts has been partnering with BCSD's PiECES program to offer student enrichment activities and Troops within our schools since the start of our program in 2014. It is our work together that encourages student and family participation in the Girl Scout programs and works toward engaging young people in the programs of Girl Scouts that they normally may not be able to do to economic, transportation, or family insecurities.

III. PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

BCSD PiECES shall undertake the following activities:

- Support the staff from Girl Scouts when they provide enrichment programming to PiECES students and/or family members;
- Promote Girl Scout troops and events to the students and families of PiECES;
- Secure program time during the PiECES program hours for any Girl Scout volunteer or staff to engage with PiECES students and families;
- Invite Girl Scouts to all YouthNet/PiECES Advisory Council meetings held on a monthly basis.

IV. PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

Girl Scouts shall undertake the following activities:

- Outreach visits to the after school program and the families of BCSD PiECES programs;
- Work with school staff to partner on activities offered by Girl Scouts including summer camps, virtual troops, and Troop information;
- Provide educational content or programming activities to the students and families of BCSD PiECES programs;
- Coordinate activities with Girl Scouts for students and families in collaboration with family engagement or family literacy programing for PiECES.

V. FUNDING

This MOU is not a commitment of funds.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of Parties A and B authorized officials. It shall be in force from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027.

The Program and Partner indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

Signatures and dates

BCSD PiECES Program

Nov 22, 2021 Date

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois

11-17-21 Date