



Baker Buddies

Social Inclusion Program THE NEXT STEP!!!

Baker Buddies is a Social inclusion Program at Ida S. Baker High School. It was started in 2009 as an after school club uniting students in General Education and students in the Life Skills program through fun during both on and off campus activities. Over the years, the program has also grown into an elective class students can take during the school day.

Ida Baker's Life Skills program involves students with **intellectual disabilities** (students who may have Autism, Down's Syndrome or other disabling conditions). In the past, students with these disabilities have had very limited exposure to typical developing, general education students. Ida Baker High School & Baker Buddies has changed this.

Because of the immense popularity of this course, in order to be considered for a spot within the Baker Buddies program during the school day, there is an application and interview process. Students who are selected for this year's program may be assigned to work with students in the Life Skills classroom or, if in 10th-12th grade, as a one on one buddy with a student in a general education class.

If you are interested in being a Baker Buddy this next school year, please complete the application on the back of this page. It should be signed by both you and a parent/guardian and then brought with you to registration. We will be interviewing students over the next few weeks. Students who are selected as a Baker Buddy must attend a one day training before school starts next year. (Date and more information will follow.).

We are looking for caring, committed students who want to enhance and share their high school experience with other great students who just happen to have a disability!

For further details, email Ms. Nassiff at kirstenen@leeschools.net



Name: _____ Address: _____
Current Grade: _____ City: _____, FL
E-mail: _____ Zip Code: _____
Summer Phone Number to Schedule Interview: _____

1. Why do you want to be part of Baker Buddies?
2. Do you have any experience working with students with intellectual disabilities? If so, explain.
3. What are your favorite classes?
4. Are you involved in any sports or clubs? If so, explain.
5. What kind of leadership roles have you had in the past? (Attach additional page if needed)
6. Have you been in Baker Buddies in the past? (Circle one) YES NO
7. If chosen as a Baker Buddy, would you prefer to work: (check all that apply)
____ in a group setting (within the Life Skills Classroom)
____ with an individual student in a general education class (this option for 10th -12th grade students only)
8. Are you also interested in being involved in our after school Baker Buddies club? YES NO
9. Students selected for Baker Buddies need to attend a pre-school training class. (Date to be announced by end of school year). If selected for Baker Buddies, will you commit to attending? YES NO

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Bring this completed form with you to registration.