

BEAMS

Brattleboro Enrichment Activities for Middle Schoolers
Afterschool and Summer Programs at Brattleboro Area Middle School

Our vision and goals . . .

- Increase academic achievement
- Improve social and emotional development
- Build connections between students, families, faculty, administration, and community members to support the needs of our children during afterschool and summer hours when middle school students are most at risk.

Program highlights . . .

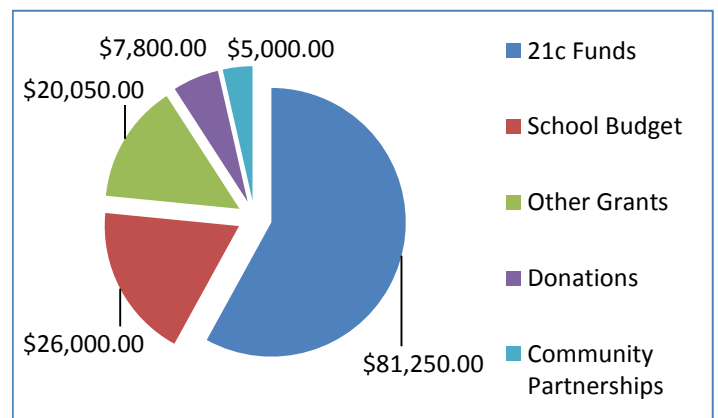
- **BEAMS serves 60% of the total school population**
180 7th and 8th graders served in 2011/2012
- **BEAMS serves the neediest students**
54% of regular attendees (students who attend 60 hours or more) qualify for free/reduced lunch
- **BEAMS runs programs throughout the entire calendar year**
7 weeks of summer programming, 30 weeks of afterschool clubs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentors, Guiding Good Choices Parenting Class
- **BEAMS offers a variety of program choices**
Afterschool Clubs include: Wilderness Adventure, BEAMS Theatre Company, Videography, Food and Farm Club, Humane Society, International Cooking Club, Circus Arts, Homework Club, Video Game Design, Robotics, Computer Animation, Kitchen Chemistry, Intramural Soccer, Jewelry Making
- **Participation in BEAMS results in academic gains**
92% of BEAMS regular attendees' standardized math scores went up or stayed the same. 95% reading scores went up or stayed the same on standardized test scores.
- **Community partnerships include:**
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Youth Services
Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition
Brattleboro Humane Society
Experiential Tools, Inc.
New England Center for Circus Arts
Windham County Farm to School Program
Windham Regional Career Center
Vermont Agriculture Business Education Center Farm



Students participating in BEAMS' Summer Program

Our funding . . .

65% of our funding is through a 21st Century Community Centers grant from the VT Department of Education, BEAMS is currently in Year 5 of a 5-year grant. There is a great need to expand funding, especially for more afterschool clubs and weekend, vacation and summer programming.



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