

## The Buddy System

What is the Buddy System exactly? What does it have to do with FBLA? Keep reading this page to find the answers to these questions, and probably more you may have.

The 2002-2003 State Officer Team decided to try something new this year. We call it the Buddy System. The Buddy System is a way for chapters to bring more members to meetings and also a way for them to improve student relations. For the Buddy System to work, each chapter must select involved members to be the leader of a buddy group.

Here are some suggested ways to use the Buddy System in your chapter.

25 or less	1 involved member per 1 not so involved member
25-75	1 involved member per 2-3 not so involved members
75-150	1 involved member per 4-5 not so involved members
150 or more	1 involved member per 6-8 not so involved members

We strongly recommend that you do not have more than 10 members per buddy group.

Some tips for your buddy group leaders:

Have the leader encourage the other member(s) to attend meetings, get involved in committees, work on projects, etc. Also, have the leader volunteer to pick up the other member(s), or arrange a ride to and from the meeting for them, and remind them when there are meetings, and give them support during the whole year. You can also challenge your leader to recruit a new buddy so that you have more members in a buddy group. You could even encourage the leader to explain to the other member(s) what FBLA is and how they could benefit from it. These are just a few suggestions the State Officer Team has for you to make the Buddy System a huge success.

Please remember that these are only suggestions that the State Officers have provided you with. Feel free to change this system as you see fit, and let us know how it is working out. We can only make this better if you keep us up to date on how well or not so well this system is working. Thank you and have a great year!