

Success Story



Executive Director Mike Jones with B&GC members.

Boys & Girls Club Students Are Immediately Engaged Using Kid's College!

181 Bulloch County B&GC students answered **55,000** skills practice questions in the **first month** alone using Kid's College® virtual Math and Reading curriculum combined with engaging sports video games!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bulloch County Statesboro, Georgia

Demographics:

- Annually serve over 2,200 youth ages 6-18.
- 54 % male; 46 % female
- 68 % from single parent households
- 72 % live below poverty level
- 95% economically disadvantaged

// In an after-school program it is very difficult to find educational software that is **cost-efficient** and provides an **engaging approach to learning**. Kid's College is the perfect program for our environment. Club members are now **excited about our educational programs** as they strive to practice skills sets while competing to score the most points in the sports games. Kid's College has excellent reporting for administrators which assists in easy identification of problem areas for individual students. //

Mike Jones, Executive Director,
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bulloch County

Differentiated Instruction for Diverse Learners

Every year, a group of diverse students enters the B&GC after-school program with varying foundational skills, readiness and learning preferences. Many need to bridge the skills gaps they carry from previous grade levels.

Kid's College supports every student's success. Patented STRIDE™ adaptive technology automatically differentiates instruction according to the individual needs of diverse students.

STRIDE™ data reports show many B&GC students climbing multiple grade levels in certain skills sets. Jade Jordan progressed from 2nd grade to 5th grade in Word Skills.

JADE JORDAN: Reading STRIDE Report

The Kid's College STRIDE system continually tracks academic performance in order to deliver a truly personalized educational experience for every student.

The following table shows how the STRIDE system has adjusted the reading and language arts curriculum for JADE JORDAN.

Promotion/Demotion	Start Date	Strand	Grade Level	Questions Answered
▲	7/9/2009	Word Skills	2nd Grade	227
▲	7/13/2009	Word Skills	3rd Grade	155
▲	7/13/2009	Word Skills	4th Grade	106
▲	7/13/2009	Word Skills	5th Grade	56
	7/13/2009	Vocabulary and Word Meaning	2nd Grade	100
	7/14/2009	Reading Comprehension	1st Grade	57
▲	7/15/2009	Reading Comprehension	2nd Grade	19
	7/15/2009	Research, Reference and Study Skills	2nd Grade	33
▼	7/15/2009	Research, Reference and Study Skills	1st Grade	20
▼	7/15/2009	Research, Reference and Study Skills	Kindergarten	1
▲	7/15/2009	Research, Reference and Study Skills	2nd Grade	1

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STAR Mentor Makes a Big Impression

Youth at the Boys & Girls Club of Bulloch County were star-struck when STAR Mentor and former NFL quarterback Tony Banks visited their site to lead a clinic focusing on academics, character and leadership. Today's youth are starved for positive role models and the STAR Mentors program by Learning Through Sports provides former professional athletes as mentors who can reach at-risk and disengaged students, steering them in the right direction. STAR Mentors in the classroom also reinforce student motivation to practice skills sets in Kid's College.

"Learning Through Sports solutions reach kids in innovative ways. As a STAR Mentor, I like sharing my personal story. It's a story about overcoming adversity, and a lot of these kids in inner cities can relate to it. I share with these kids that their dreams are possible, too."

– Former NFL QB Tony Banks

Learning Through Sports Supports Boys & Girls Club Program Objectives

The B&GC of Bulloch County takes pride in selecting tested, proven and nationally recognized programs that address today's most pressing youth issues, teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life. Learning Through Sports solutions, including Kid's College and STAR Mentors, align with these B&GC program objectives*:

- ✓ **Education & Career Skills** – Enabling youth to become proficient in basic educational disciplines, apply learning to everyday situations, and embrace technology to achieve success in a career.
- ✓ **Character & Leadership** - Helping youth become responsible, caring citizens; develop leadership skills and contribute to Club and community; and respect their own and others' cultural identities.

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