

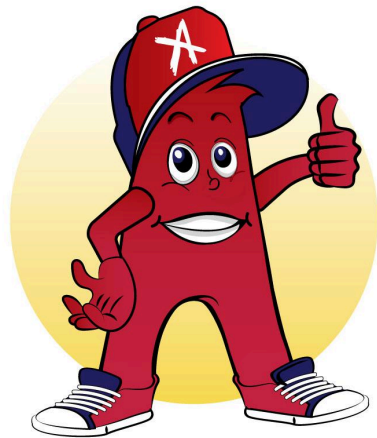


The **ABBIT** Society Program Guide

ABBIT's Story

The ABBIT Society (A's and B's Because I Try) started as an elementary school honor roll program. ABBIT also recognized other student awards such as conduct and attendance amongst others. ABBIT was founded in 1986 by an educator who believed that students need motivation and encouragement to help them excel in the classroom.

Since its start, ABBIT has been highly effective in motivating elementary-aged students to not only do their work but also to earn good grades by recognizing and rewarding them for their efforts. ABBIT has been estimated to have motivated and recognized over 1,000,00 students. Schools that have used the ABBIT program have reported an increase in the A and B Honor Roll. It is ABBIT's mission to motivate all students to do their best work and to be their best selves inside and outside the classroom by giving students encouragement, recognition, and rewards.



How to Use ABBIT at Your School

ABBIT is a program specifically for elementary school students. This usually is grades within the range of K-5. Implementing ABBIT at your school is very simple.

ABBIT is built around motivating, recognizing, and rewarding students. Please read on to see some ways you can run your ABBIT program at your school. Please be mindful that these are just suggestions. These are ways that have been found to be the best way to organize and run an ABBIT program, but at the end of the day, it is up to you. All we ask is that you always keep the idea of motivating ALL STUDENTS as the main focus of your ABBIT program.

Coordinator

First things first.

For a program to be able to run efficiently, it is best to have an ABBIT coordinator or a committee that will be over ABBIT. You might already have someone or a committee that helps with student incentives, honor roll, and grade celebrations on your campus. Or, maybe you have a very active PTA or PTO that could assist. Designating an ABBIT Coordinator or Committee is a good way to run your ABBIT program effectively.



Schedule

When did you say the party started?

It is best to come up with an ABBIT schedule before introducing it to your students. In that way, you can present what ABBIT is to your students and then inform them of when they will be receiving their ABBIT rewards.

If you have specific grading periods (6 weeks, 9 weeks) then it is easy to do your recognitions at that time. But, you want to make sure that you are either doing some type of mid-grade period recognition or reminding them throughout, to keep students interested and motivated. It can be challenging for students to see the end result when ABBIT is only mentioned at the beginning of the year or only at the beginning or end of a grading period.

Motivation

Why am I doing this again?

As was mentioned above, students should be introduced to ABBIT and should be reminded to keep up the good work throughout each grading period. Keeping students motivated is an essential part of what makes ABBIT work. Whether it's a Coordinator or Committee, make sure that you are keeping students motivated by bringing it up, making school announcements, flyers, display boards, etc... You also need to encourage the teachers to make sure ABBIT is a topic in the classrooms as well.



Recognition

Did they just call my name?

Who doesn't like to be recognized for their hard work? We all do, especially students. We suggest having some form of recognition for students who reach ABBIT status. This can be done in many ways;

- Assembly
- School Wide Announcements
- Newspaper Post
- Classroom or school Party
- Pizza party/Ice cream Party

These are just a few, but you pick what works for your students.

Reward

Hey, where's my prize?

ABBIT wants something tangible that students can be rewarded with as well. ABBIT has low-cost items that you can choose from to reward your students. These items can be bought individually or you can be an ABBIT member for the school year or buy in bundles to suit your school's needs. Make sure to check these out at our website, theabbitsociety.com.



Honor Roll

It's an honor.

ABBIT is designed to reward your students who make A's and B's (A's & B's, all B's, all A's) during a grading period. Students can be given a membership card when they make the honor roll. The card shows that the student is an ABBIT student for a specific time range. The student may also receive other ABBIT recognition such as ribbons, certificates, and more. Please check out our [website](#) to find low-cost items for your ABBIT program.

Student Awards

Growth is progress and progress is growth.

ABBIT focuses not only on honor roll students but all students who reach some sort of school achievement and or student growth. This varies from school to school and from student to student. We truly want all students to be ABBIT students. Student achievement can be measured in different ways.

For example, achievement can be recognized in an ABC system:

- Academics/Attendance/Arts
- Behavior
- Character/Conduct

However you award students, please remember that student achievement may look different from student to student. Allowing students to be recognized for different things, truly allows them to shine!



Sponsors/Community Support

We're all in this together.

Another cool thing about ABBIT is that the program promotes community involvement. Getting sponsors for your ABBIT program is another way to motivate your students. Reaching out to local businesses to see if they would be willing to reward students with something from their business is a good motivation for students. All students would have to do is show their ABBIT membership cards when they come in and the business can reward the student with an item.

For example, if it was an ice cream shop, maybe the student could get free ice cream. Or if it is a fast food place, maybe the student could get a free kids' meal. Maybe the business would be willing to support your ABBIT program by sponsoring an ABBIT party. The options are endless for having community support. It would be good to reach out to businesses in your area ahead of time, to see if they would be willing to support your ABBIT program.

If you would like ABBIT to work with you to help support your efforts, please let us know. We would love to send potential sponsors in your area more information about ABBIT to hopefully get them on board.



ABBIT Planning Guide

Directions: Use this guide to help you plan your ABBIT program at your school.

Coordinator/Committee:

Who will be over ABBIT at your campus? (PTA, coordinator, committee)

List those names here:

How often will they need to meet during the school year about ABBIT?

Will you utilize any additional help with ABBIT outside of the names listed above?

Grade Level:

What grade levels at your school will participate in ABBIT?

Schedule:

How often will students be rewarded for ABBIT status?

Brainstorm your tentative schedule with dates here:



Motivation:

How do you plan to keep students motivated while working towards their ABBIT rewards?

- Announcements
- Displays
- Regular Class Discussions
- Social Media
- Other: _____

Recognition:

How do you plan to recognize students who reach ABBIT honor roll status?

Will you have a different recognition depending on grades?: (All A's/ All A&B)

Will you recognize any other student awards?

What will they be recognized for? (ex: academics/attendance/arts, behavior, character, conduct.)

If recognizing other student awards, how do you plan to recognize them?

Sponsors/Community Support:

Brainstorm any possible community support/sponsors here:

Who will make contact to inform these potential sponsors about the ABBIT program?

Additional Notes:

As you can see, ABBIT is simple and fun to use. ABBIT's purpose is to motivate, recognize, and reward students. When students are motivated to do their best, not only do they win, WE ALL WIN. We are sure you agree that there is no greater feeling than seeing a student reach their goals and potential. Why not use ABBIT to help your students this school year reach theirs?

Need more information? Please email us at abbit@theabbitsociety.com.

