

Suzuki Buddy Program

Top Twelve Responses to “I’m Too Busy”

- “So-and-so specifically asked if you’ve already been taken by a little buddy—they really want you to be their big buddy!!”
- “Sometimes teens who are mobile will stop at their buddy’s house between sports and home/homework—sometimes the little buddy’s family will feed them dinner and it works out even better for everyone!!”
- “If you have trouble with transportation just commit to only one family driving, and whoever doesn’t hassle with traffic can provide the snacks!!”
- “Do you like explaining things? How would you make their practices more fun than regular practicing?”
- “Have you considered going to concerts together? Or recitals at MacPhail? Maybe you could grab a practice room at MacPhail after an event like that?”
- “Did you know that performing with your buddy at the Buddy Recital could count toward your Ten Performance Club goal?”
- “Did you know that some Big Buddies use the Buddy Program to fulfill their school’s citizenship requirements?” Or whatever various schools call it...
- “Have you ever mentored a younger student that isn’t a sibling? They listen to you way more than a sibling. *They* want to be just like you!!”
- “Are you the youngest in your family? Have you ever wished you had a little brother or sister? You could totally adopt a little Buddy!”
- “Maybe you could start with just once a month—I’m sure you could fit *that* in!”
- “This adds to your funload, not your workload...why don’t you try it for (x of time) and see how it goes?”
- “You’re a role model in our program, thank you so much for showing a younger student how it’s done!!”