



Success Beyond the Classroom



SBC Mission

To provide innovative programs, conferences and competitions that inspire K-12 students to explore their potential with peers and talented community professionals.

SBC Students:
Excited,
Engaged



SBC programs

CreativeCon
Creativity Festival

Young Authors Conferences
Future City Competition
STEMLink

Middle Grades Knowledge Bowl
Senior High Knowledge Bowl

The work of our organization

Success Beyond the Classroom (SBC) reaches 10,000 students and their teachers every year. SBC is a non-profit organization that makes it possible for students to discover how learning in school links to success in the world beyond. SBC's programs seek to stretch students beyond the typical school experience and actively engage them in the world outside school walls.

Among the many SBC activities, students construct simulated cities with engineer mentors, write with published authors, explore creative arts, and build connections with other successful adults in business, science and the arts. High student participation and strong support from schools and the community prove the value of Success Beyond the Classroom's programs.

SBC embraces diversity and is committed to the inclusion, welcome, and support of individuals in our community with varied characteristics with regard to race, ethnicity, gender, age, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, religion, and physical and mental ability.

SBC Relationships with other Organizations

To fulfill our mission, SBC has strong partnerships with post-secondary institutions, businesses, professional organizations, and individual professionals and artists (e.g. Science Museum of MN, 3M and Medtronic Foundations, Excel Energy, American Society of Civil Engineers—MN Section, University of MN, Bethel University, MN State Colleges and Universities (MN State), Target, YMCA, Wells Fargo). SBC is a unique link between schools and the community. We understand the needs of schools, teachers and students and we translate this knowledge into programs that enable professionals and other community experts to "hit the mark" with their contributions.

SBC Board and Governance

SBC is governed by a Board of Directors with 7-10 members who serve terms of 3 years. The SBC Board does the typical work of a nonprofit board providing program and fiscal oversight, keeping us accountable as a staff and organization, and helping to develop important policies and other written documents for SBC.

SBC Fans Say:

The Future City Competition puts my students at the center of their learning. It teaches my students to be leaders, cooperative team members and creative problem solvers. The Future City Competition process is "What is right with education!"

I feel that I will enjoy writing more and every time I use a technique I learned at the Young Authors Conference I will think "Oh, that author taught me that!"

Knowledge Bowl offers a place to belong and be successful where it is OK to be smart.

Because of the Creativity Festival, I will remember to always use my imagination and to do what inspires me!

One student commented that STEMLink was the highlight of his year. He said that he needs to find a college with a good science program so he can explore careers like the ones he saw today.

Dollar for dollar, SBC is the best thing you can do for student enrichment. No question!