Criteria for Student Membership

Teachers recruit around 20 students for each club who have:

- Good school attendance
- Good school behavior: no suspensions
- Good grades: C or better for middle and high school, or for elementary students working at grade level
- Interested in science, technology, engineering, and/or math
- Able to commit to good SMILE attendance: 32 weeks, 1.5-2hr after school club- students can only have two unexcused absences

Preference for membership is given to minority and educationally disadvantaged students which includes females, students with low socio economic status, and those who are first in their family to go to college.

Clubs should be made up of an equal amount of each grade level (or as close to it as possible).