

Bethel High School Volunteerism Program Guide

Empowering Bruins to Serve, Lead, and Make a Difference

Program Overview

At Bethel High School, we believe service to others builds character, leadership, and community. The Bethel Volunteerism Program engages all students (Grades 9–12) in meaningful, supervised service experiences to promote civic responsibility and personal growth.

Who Can Participate?

- All students in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
 - Seniors can earn a Service Honor Cord for graduation recognition
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Grade-Level Service Hour Goals

Grade Level	Hours (1 hour per academy event)
9th Grade	10 hours max
10th Grade	20 hours max
11th Grade	30 hours min
12th Grade	40 hours min

How It Works

1. Students participate in school-approved or community-based volunteer activities.
 2. All service must be unpaid and supervised by a non-family adult.
 3. Students track their hours on the official Bethel Volunteer Service Log.
 4. After every 10 hours, students complete a short written reflection.
 5. Staff or coordinators verify and approve all submissions.
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Examples of Eligible Volunteer Activities

- Tutoring peers or mentoring younger students
 - Volunteering at local shelters, hospitals, or food banks
 - Assisting at school events (e.g., open house, concerts)
 - Participating in park cleanups or beautification projects
 - Helping with church-run food drives or clothing distributions
 - Leading or supporting community service projects in clubs
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Examples of Ineligible Activities

- Paid work of any kind
 - Chores or responsibilities at home (babysitting siblings, yard work)
 - Volunteering for a family business
 - Routine club meetings or athletic practices
 - Religious instruction or worship activities
 - Campaigning for political candidates or causes
 - Court-ordered community service
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Recognition & Incentives

- Certificates for milestone achievements (10, 20, 30, 40 hours)
 - Service hours included in graduation portfolios
 - Senior students who complete 100+ hours will earn a **Service Honor Cord**
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Tracking & Reflection Students must:

- Use the official Volunteer Service Log to document dates, organizations, hours, and supervisor contact info
 - Obtain a signature from the adult supervisor
 - Submit short reflections after every 10 hours of service
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Contact for Questions & Submissions: Mrs. Joan Perry @ jperry@hampton.k12.va.us

Drop-off all signed tracking documents to the main office.

"At Bethel, service isn't just something we do—it's who we are."