



Student Name	
School Year	
Student Classification	
PCC Teacher	
<p>Make a copy of this Community Service Journal. Add it to your PCC Portfolio. Keep records, documentation, signatures, letters, and photos of all community service activities for verification purposes. Upload verification documents to the Community Service section of your PCC portfolio. Add all verified earned hours to your Community Service spreadsheet.</p>	

Beaumont Early College Community Service Requirements

Class of 2020 and Beyond

- **120 hours of Community Service are required for graduation.**
 - Eight (8) hours of community service will be a major grade (Test Grade) every nine (9) weeks.
 - Hours must be entered in your PCC Community Service spreadsheet.
 - Community Service hours must meet the BECHS standards of service.
 - All hours **MUST** come from the approved list in this Community Service Journal. If the activity you would like to complete is not on our Community Service Opportunities list, see/contact your PCC Teacher for a request form. You must submit the completed request form to your PCC teacher in order for it to be reviewed for approval by the BECHS Community Service Committee. The committee meets once a month to review all requests.

What is Community Service?

- Community Service refers to voluntary, non-paid work that a person performs for the benefit of his or her community with a **non-profit organization**. It is often done near the area where you live, so your own community reaps the benefits of your work.
- Community Service can help any group of people in need: children, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, English language learners, and more. It can also help animals, such as a shelter, and it can be used to improve places, such as a local park, historical buildings, or scenic areas.
- Community Service is often organized through a local group, such as a place of worship or school (only ½ of the required 32 hours (per year) can be performed on the ECHS campus).
- Beginning Fall 2020, only ½ of the required 32 hours (per year) can be performed during the summer break. The other ½ must be completed during the school year.



What are examples of Community Service/Beaumont Early College Standards of Service?

- There are hundreds of ways to participate in community service, depending on your skills and interests. Some common community service examples include:
 - Working with senior citizens: visiting residents of a retirement center, delivering meals, and playing games and reading to the elderly at nursing homes.
 - Improving the environment: holding a recycling contest, planting trees at a nature center, etc.
 - Helping low-income people: pass out food at the soup kitchen, collect used clothes to be donated, make first aid kits for homeless shelters.

What Are Non-Examples of Community Service?

- Sometimes people mistake common good deeds or being an active member of their organization for community service. **Just because you “volunteer” for something that you do not get paid for does not mean it is a community service.** Some common examples of activities that are NOT considered service include:
 - Babysitting your neighbor’s children
 - Babysitting children in your church nursery
 - Completing chores
 - Mowing your neighbor’s lawn
 - Decorating for your school dance
 - Working in a (For-Profit) vet clinic or doctor’s office

Where can you find Community Service Projects?

- Always start with the approved list that has been provided. If you would like to request that an organization or event be added, you can look for these qualities before making your request:
 - School or groups you belong to: clubs, organizations, places of worship, community centers, etc.
 - Check their websites, bulletins or newsletters
 - Your school may also have community service clubs that make it easier to get involved.
 - Places where you’d like to volunteer:
 - If you have a specific place where you’d like to perform community service, like a hospital or animal shelter, contact them and ask if they take volunteers.
 - Your community: City Hall or similar buildings in your city/town
 - Also, check your city’s website or newsletter. Many include a section that lists current volunteer opportunities.
- If the activity you would like to complete is not on our Volunteer Opportunities Page, see your PCC Teacher for a request form. You must submit the completed request form to your PCC teacher in order for it to be reviewed for approval by the BECHS Community Service Committee. The committee meets once a month to review all requests.



Community Service

***120 hours are required to graduate from Beaumont Early College High School.**

***Community service hours earned from an organization not listed below will require prior BECHS Community Service Committee approval for credit toward hours.**

If you have any questions regarding the Community Service Journal, contact your current PCC teacher.

[Link to ECHS Community Service Opportunities](#)