

## Explanation of School and Community Service Program

Last year, a committee of teachers, administrators, parents and students formulated a goal for students at BHS. It states: *“Each student will complete a school or community service project each year.”* This goal arose from the belief: *“Students learn the basics of good citizenship by understanding the rights of others and accepting personal responsibility for the school and the community.”*

To achieve this goal, all students at BHS are encouraged to engage in school and community service activities each year as follows:

Year*	Hours
Freshman Year	5 hours
Sophomore Year	10 hours
Junior Year	10 hours
Senior Year	10 hours

\*A year will be understood as that time period from June 1 of the summer preceding until May 1 of the graded year. (For instance, a freshman may count hours engaged in an activity the summer before they actually begin classes at Brentwood High School toward the Freshmen year total.



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## What is School and Community Service?

School and Community service is defined as any activity a student performs for a non-profit organization that is intended to benefit someone other than themselves and:

- 1) for which they receive no material or monetary reward, or academic credit;
- 2) is not an entertainment or performance activity that is an extension of a class or co-curricular requirement;
- 3) is not performed for a family member, except in certain extenuating circumstances and pre-approved by the school's service coordinator and the appropriate assistant principal;
- 4) is not direct participation in a worship service; and
- 5) is not mandated by court or school official for disciplinary reasons.

## Criteria to Establish an Activity as Service Credit...

- 1) Activities not performed for a non-profit organization may be approved at the discretion of the school's Service Coordinator and appropriate administrator.
- 2) Activities required for membership or advancement in an organization may be used to meet service requirements.
- 3) Students in the BHS Service Learning course may only apply those hours **above** the required hours for course credit.
- 4) Activities that are not a direct part of a worship service, such as baby-sitting during a worship service, working a Vacation Bible School, parking cars at a church event, etc., may be used to meet service requirements.

## Reasons for School and Community Service:

- 1) Enhance job and social skills.
- 2) Strengthen college applications.
- 3) Character development.
- 4) Natural response to human needs.

The following list contains **suggestions** and resources to assist students in getting started on a school or community service activity:

Work on a benefit concert or program to help someone in need	
Education and/or Church program of your choice	
Mission Trip / Disaster Relief	
Freshmen Mentors	
Student Senate	
Tutoring through Mu Alpha Theta, NHS, the learning lab	
Scouting, Youth Group, Key Club, or Interact Club service activities.	
Boys and Girls Clubs	794-4800
Brentwood Library	371-0090 ext. 886
Habitat for Humanity	591-7470
Nashville Rescue Mission	312-1534
Vanderbilt Children's Hospital	322-2379
Williamson County Fair	595-1227
Williamson County Parks and Recreation	790-5719
Williamson County Red Cross	790-5785