

Barker Central School

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Community Service Information

Citizens participate in civic life through volunteerism. At Barker High School, we require students to complete 20 hours of community service as part of our social studies curriculum in grades 9-12 and our Participation in Government course to graduate from the Barker Central School District. The purpose of these service hours is to **give back to our community, find unselfish ways to help others**, and potentially find new interests for your future.

Guidelines for the BCS Community Service Requirement:

- Students are required to complete 20 hours of community service.
 - At least 5 hours of community service must be completed by the end of your **freshman** year
 - At least 5 hours of community service must be completed by the end of your **sophomore** year
 - At least 5 hours of community service must be completed by the end of your **junior** year
 - At least 5 hours of community service must be completed by the end of your **senior** year.
- These hours **must be unpaid.**
- These hours can not count towards credit for another class or for National Honor Society.
- All hours must be verified by a person 21 years or older. These hours cannot be verified by family members.
- All community service hours must be recorded on the blue BCS Community Service Hours sheets, signed by a supervisor, and submitted to the BCS main office.

The following activities **DO NOT COUNT** as community service hours:

- Helping parents, siblings, grandparents, or family friends by babysitting, doing lawn work, or completing general chores
- Working at your current job without pay
- Babysitting, house-sitting, or pet-sitting



Keep in mind that while you are completing your community service hours:

- **You represent your family and the Barker Central School District**
- You should contact the agency, organization, or group ahead of time. Do not just show up.
- Once you have your assignment or task, **show up on time**. Please also remember to dress appropriately for the activity and the population you are working with.
- **Be respectful** to the people you are working for and working with. Be polite, be kind, and use appropriate language.
- Do the job or activity **that you were assigned** to do to the best of your ability.

Where Can I Volunteer?

- Visit the Community Service Fair this Friday, September 18 during 5th & 6th periods to meet various local community service organizations in our area
- Regularly check your class' Community Service page on Google Classroom
- Take a look at the 26-27 Community Service Opportunities Handbook posted on your Google Classroom and the BCS Website

