

BROWN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
"Ready for College, Ready for Work"
Certification Program



Purpose of Program:

The purpose of this program is to provide recognition and endorsement of those students who have successfully met the criteria required to earn a "Ready for College, Ready for Work" Certificate. It is anticipated this certificate will be valued as an endorsement by the school acknowledging that the individual is capable and prepared to successfully enter college and the workplace.

Why should students care about earning the *Ready for College, Ready for Work* certification?

- Colleges will recognize the certificate as an endorsement by BCHS that the student is ready to successfully enter college and secure a degree
- Businesses will recognize the certificate as an endorsement by BCHS that the student is ready to successfully enter into the workforce
- Certificate will give students a "head start" in the market place. It will serve as a "stamp of approval" when the student is applying to a college or a job.

Data Collection

Data will be collected on students at three points in their high school careers and awards will be awarded based on this data. The timelines for the various awards are as follows:

Junior Award

The timeline for data collection will be August 1 - July 31 of the Sophomore Year.

Senior Award

The timeline for data collection will be August 1 - July 31 of the Junior Year.

Senior+ Awards

The timeline for data collection will be June 1-the first 3 quarters of the Senior Year

Point System for Certification Award

Points will be awarded for both quantitative and qualitative criteria.

Juniors and Seniors may qualify for one of two awards: Gold Certification and Silver Certification.

Junior Award

To achieve Gold or Silver Certification, a Junior must earn the following:

Silver Certificate: 26 points

Gold Certificate: 33 points

Senior Award and Senior+ Award

To achieve Gold or Silver Certification, a Senior must earn the following:

Silver Certificate: 30 points

Gold Certificate: 38 points

Quantitative Criteria

Data to determine the BCHS Junior Class recipients will be collected from their Sophomore Year.

Data to determine the BCHS Senior Class recipients will be collected from their Junior Year.

Indicator	Description	1 point	2 points	3 points
JUNIOR AWARD – Quantitative Criteria				
PLAN	Accumulative	14	15 - 16	17 or higher
GPA	Accumulative	2.75	3.0	3.5 and above
Attendance	Attends school on a consistent basis with no Unexcused Absences	Absent no more than 4 days	Absent no more than 3 days	Absent 2 days or less
Tardy	Arrives to school and class on time every day.	3 unexcused	2 unexcused	1 or less unexcused
Discipline	Displays self-discipline and self-responsibility.	2 discipline referrals.	1 discipline referrals.	0 discipline referral.
Volunteer Hours	Volunteering at approved organizations.	10 Hours	15 Hours	20 hours
Campus Visits	Individual visits to college campuses or attend school organized tour	Meet at school with college rep.	1 campus visit - self or school arranged	2 campus visits - either individual or school organized
Parent Meeting with Guidance Counselor	1-on-1 parent meeting with BCHS Guidance Counselor	1 Phone Meeting	1 Face-to-face meeting	2 Face-to-face meetings
SENIOR AWARD and SENIOR+ AWARDS – Quantitative Criteria				
GPA	Accumulative	2.75	3.0	3.5 and above
WorkKeys	Reading & Math Scores	Score of 4 on both	Score of 5 on both	Score of 6 or above on both

ACT	Composite	19	20	21 and above
Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE)	Meets//Exceeds state standard in Reading, Math, and Science	Meets/Exceeds in 1 of 3 areas	Meets/Exceeds in 2 of 3 areas	Meets/Exceeds in 3 of 3 areas
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Qualitative Criteria

An anonymous committee will be set up annually to evaluate students on the Qualitative criteria. Data to determine the BCHS Junior Class recipients will be collected from their Sophomore Year. Data to determine the BCHS Senior Class recipients will be collected from their Junior Year.

JUNIOR AWARDS, SENIOR AWARDS, & SENIOR+ AWARDS - Qualitative Criteria			
Indicator	Description	1 Point	2 Points
Organizational Skills	Student is consistently prepared for class and demonstrates ability to prioritize tasks.	80 - 90% of time	90% and above
Respectfulness	Respects all individuals and demonstrates this respect to students, teachers, and administrators.	80 - 90%	90% and above
Team Work Standard	Displays team/group cooperation with students, teachers, & administrators	80 - 90%	90% and above
Willingness to Learn	Coachable and open to learning	80 - 90%	90% and above
Positive Attitude	Optimistic. Generates good energy & good will	80 - 90%	90% and above
Strong Work Ethic	Motivated & dedicated to getting job done; Displays strong work ethic in activities such as sports, clubs, and part-time jobs.	80 - 90%	90% and above
Communication	Student is able to effectively & appropriately communicate verbally	80 - 90%	90% and more

Qualifying Organizations for Community Service

Community service hours may be earned at the organizations listed below.

Students need to present a Community Service Verification Form to the staff of the qualifying organization. The organization will sign, date, note the volunteer activity, and the number of student volunteer hours. These forms are available from the BCHS Guidance Counselor.

The volunteer hours will be tracked by the BCHS Guidance Counselor.

Only volunteer activities that have no compensation (monetary or other intended award) will be counted towards the community service requirement.

Examples of approved organizations

- Little League
- Mt. Sterling YMCA
- Nursing Homes
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- BC Food Basket
- BC Ministerium
- Relay for Life
- Church Youth Groups (service projects only such as Bible camp- not youth meetings)
- Brown County Action Team
- All BC Schools
- Mt. Sterling Public Library
- Two Rivers Regional Council
- Any designated 501(c)3 organization (nonprofit organization recognized as tax exempt by IRS)
- See Ms. Logan if you have questions