



What is Community Connection?

- Community Service or Job Shadow
- Time outside BHS in the community.
- Individually arranged or through a BHS club
- Non work hours
- **24 Total Hours by Senior Year** 8 hours in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades
- **4 of the 24 hours** must be Job Shadow. *See Sandra Lordahl in the Counseling Office or visit the Career Center during lunches for additional resources.*
- Opportunity to earn a Varsity Letter in Community Service. *See Robin Hodges in the Career Center for more information.*
- Why are community connections important? This is our opportunity to give back to the community! It also provides an opportunity to network, have a reference for college and job applications, and may be required for college applications.

What can count?

- Volunteering at an agency or organization that accepts pre-arranged volunteer work, such as a nursing home, animal shelter, youth recreational program, etc
- Participating in a BHS club that is involved with community service
- Participating in the school-wide clean-up day (be listening for the opportunities, such as this)
- Participating in an organized event that helps the community such as activities through United Way (www.uwpc.org/Volunteer)
- Job shadowing a career path that is of interest to you (without pay)
- Staying after school (pre-arranged) to help a teacher or staff member at a High School, Junior High, or Elementary School.

What does NOT count?

- Working at a paid job
- Cross-age tutoring *for school credit*
- Participating in a sport
- Household chores
- Babysitting your younger siblings
- Anything that's supervised by a family member. If you shadow at the employer of a family member your hours must be signed off by a non-family supervisor.



JOB SHADOW

At least four of the 24 total hours by the end of your Junior year.

Suggested Job Shadow Questions

When you are on-site during your job shadow, it is appropriate to ask questions. They may ask you at different times throughout the day if you have any questions, so be prepared with a few you may want to ask.

Here are several questions for you to consider during this experience:

1. What do you like about your job?
2. What do you dislike about your job?
3. What personal characteristics are required for someone to be successful in your job?

4. How much job security is there for people in this field?
5. What other jobs could a person do with the skills you have gained in this field?
6. What are the biggest challenges in your job?
7. What are the biggest rewards in your job?
8. What advice would you give someone interested in this field?
9. What type of schooling or training is necessary for this job?
10. Other than what I observe while I am here, what is a typical day in your life like in this position?



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**COMMUNITY CONNECTION
VERIFICATION LETTER
Community Service/Job Shadow**

Date: _____

(Please Print)

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person/Supervisor: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Description of the job shadow or community service activities/duties:

Total number of hours: _____

Date(s) or time frame: _____

Respectfully,

Supervisor Signature/Date

I attest that I performed the documented hours of community connection included in this verification form.

Student Signature/Date

My Community Connections Tracking Log and Reflection

Date	# of Hours	Organization (Where)	Community Contact Information		
			Name	Role	Phone Number

8 hours in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades
=24 Total Hours Senior Year (4 hours Job Shadow)

Explain how Community Connections benefited you personally and academically.
