



ABOUT

The BC & Beyond (BCB) Program promotes and encourages the practices that will make students successful beyond Brown County High School: problem-solving, content knowledge, real-life experiences, and habits of success.

The Program recognizes and endorses those students who have proven themselves capable and prepared to succeed beyond graduation from Brown County High School - whether that is direct to employment, military service, community college, apprenticeship, workforce training, or a four-year degree. A former version of this Program was called Brown County High School "Ready for College, Ready for Work".

BC & Beyond Certificates and points are part of the selection criteria for Tracy Family Foundation Scholarships. A student must have a BCB Certificate to be eligible to apply for a TFF Scholarship.

All Brown County High School students are automatically enrolled in the BC & Beyond Program.

TIMELINE

Students earn points during each year of their high school career. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors earn points between June 1 and May 1 of their respective school years. Seniors earn points between June 1 and February 1 of their senior year.

POINTS

Points are awarded for both quantitative and qualitative criteria. Student may earn a Gold or Silver Certificate each year based on the total points they accumulate.

The point system is aligned with the BCHS grading scale. BCHS awards a B when a student earns 80-89% of the total points possible. A BCHS student is awarded an A when they earn 90-100% of the total points possible. The number of points needed to earn a Silver Certificate is 80% (32 points) of the total BCB points possible. To receive a Gold Certificate, a student must earn 90% (36 points) of the total BCB points possible.

Silver Certificate: 32 points

Gold Certificate: 36 points

Contact

For more information about the BC & Beyond Program, contact your Brown County High School Counselor at 217.773.7500 ext. 7732 or kaitlyn.ealy@bchornets.com.

FRESHMAN BCB CERTIFICATE – Quantitative Criteria

Indicator	Description	1 point	2 points	3 points
Attendance	Attends school on a consistent basis with no unexcused absences.	N/A	N/A	0 unexcused absences
College Meetings & Visits	In-school meetings, individual campus visits, or school-organized campus visits	1 in-school meeting with college admissions representatives	2 in-school meetings with college admissions representatives	3 in-school meetings with college admissions representatives
Discipline	Displays self-discipline and self-responsibility	Only 2 discipline referrals	Only 1 discipline referral	0 discipline referrals
Extra-curricular Activities	School-sponsored and/or sanctioned activities	1 activity during the school year	2 activities during the school year	3 or more activities during the school year
GPA	Accumulative	2.0	3.0	3.75 and above
Job Shadowing	Explore a career you might be interested in	N/A	N/A	1 day-long job shadowing experience
Meeting with School Counselor	Meeting with BCHS School Counselor concerning future plans	N/A	N/A	1 face-to-face meeting
Mock Interview	Practice interview skills in school-sanctioned mock interviews	N/A	N/A	1 mock interview
Paid Job	Work a paid job (verification form required)	N/A	N/A	Continuously employed for a minimum of 2 months of the year
Volunteer/Service Hours	Volunteering at approved nonprofit organizations (verification form required)	5 hours	10 hours	15 hours

Bonus Points Opportunity:

3 points – Participation in North Carolina Outward Bound School the summer prior to the start of freshman year

SOPHOMORE BCB CERTIFICATE – Quantitative Criteria

Indicator	Description	1 point	2 points	3 points
Attendance	Attends school on a consistent basis with no unexcused absences.	N/A	N/A	0 unexcused absences
College Meetings & Visits	In-school meetings, individual campus visits, or school-organized campus visits	1 in-school meeting with college admissions representatives	2 in-school meetings with college admissions representatives	3 in-school meetings with college admissions representatives
Discipline	Displays self-discipline and self-responsibility	Only 2 discipline referrals	Only 1 discipline referral	0 discipline referrals
Extra-curricular Activities	School-sponsored and/or sanctioned activities	1 activity during the school year	2 activities during the school year	3 or more activities during the school year
GPA	Accumulative	2.0	3.0	3.75 and above
Job Shadowing	Explore a career you might be interested in	N/A	N/A	1 day-long job shadowing experience
Meeting with School Counselor	Meeting with BCHS School Counselor concerning future plans	N/A	N/A	1 face-to-face meeting
Mock Interview	Practice interview skills in school-sanctioned mock interviews	N/A	N/A	1 mock interview
Paid Job	Work a paid job (verification form required)	N/A	N/A	Continuously employed for a minimum of 2 months of the year
Volunteer/Service Hours	Volunteering at approved nonprofit organizations (verification form required)	5 hours	10 hours	15 hours

Bonus Points Opportunity:

3 points – Participation in North Carolina Outward Bound School the summer between freshman and sophomore years

JUNIOR BCB CERTIFICATE – Quantitative Criteria

Indicator	Description	1 point	2 points	3 points
Attendance	Attends school on a consistent basis with no unexcused absences.	N/A	N/A	0 unexcused absences
College Meetings & Visits	In-school meetings, individual campus visits, or school-organized campus visits	3 in-school meetings with college admissions representatives	1 independent college visit 2 in-school meetings	2 independent college visits 2 in-school meetings
Discipline	Displays self-discipline and self-responsibility	Only 2 discipline referrals	Only 1 discipline referral	0 discipline referrals
Extra-curricular Activities	School-sponsored and/or sanctioned activities	1 activity during the school year	2 activities during the school year	2+ activities during the school year plus leadership position in activity
GPA	Accumulative	2.0	3.0	3.75 and above
Job Shadowing	Explore a career you might be interested in	N/A	N/A	1 day-long job shadowing experience
Meeting with School Counselor	Meeting with BCHS School Counselor concerning future plans	N/A	N/A	1 face-to-face meeting
Mock Interview	Practice interview skills in school-sanctioned mock interviews	N/A	N/A	1 mock interview
Paid Job	Work a paid job (verification form required)	N/A	N/A	Continuously employed for a minimum of 2 months of the year
Volunteer/Service Hours	Volunteering at approved nonprofit organizations (verification form required)	10 hours	20 hours	30 hours

Bonus Points Opportunity:

3 points – Participation in North Carolina Outward Bound School the summer between sophomore and junior years

3 points – Participation in U of I Extension Youth Leadership Academy during junior year

SENIOR BCB CERTIFICATE – Quantitative Criteria

Indicator	Description	1 point	2 points	3 points
Attendance	Attends school on a consistent basis with no unexcused absences.	N/A	N/A	0 unexcused absences
College Meetings & Visits	In-school meetings, individual campus visits, or school-organized campus visits	3 in-school meetings with college admissions representatives	1 independent college visit 2 in-school meetings	2 independent college visits 2 in-school meetings
Discipline	Displays self-discipline and self-responsibility	Only 2 discipline referrals	Only 1 discipline referral	0 discipline referrals
Extra-curricular Activities	School-sponsored and/or sanctioned activities	1 activity during the school year	2 activities during the school year	2 or more activities during the school year plus leadership position in activity
GPA	Accumulative	2.0	3.0	3.75 and above
Job Shadowing	Explore a career you might be interested in	N/A	N/A	1 day-long job shadowing experience
Meeting with School Counselor	Meeting with BCHS School Counselor concerning future plans	N/A	N/A	1 face-to-face meeting
Mock Interview	Practice interview skills in school-sanctioned mock interviews	N/A	N/A	1 mock interview
Paid Job	Work a paid job (verification form required)	N/A	N/A	Continuously employed for a minimum of 2 months of the year
Volunteer/Service Hours	Volunteering at approved nonprofit organizations (verification form required)	10 hours	20 hours	30 hours

Bonus Points Opportunity:

3 points – Participation in North Carolina Outward Bound School the summer between junior and senior years

QUALITATIVE CRITERIA

Brown County High School faculty and staff members will evaluate students on qualitative criteria toward the end of each school year.

Qualitative Criteria – Maximum Annual Points: 10				
Indicator	Description	0 points	1 point	2 points
Organizational Skills	Student is consistently prepared for class and demonstrates ability to prioritize tasks.	Never	Sometimes	Always
Respectfulness	Student respects all individuals and demonstrates this respect to students, teachers, and administrators.	Never	Sometimes	Always
Positive Attitude	Student is optimistic and generates energy and good will.	Never	Sometimes	Always
Strong Work Ethic	Student is motivated and dedicated to getting the job done. Student displays strong work ethic in classes and in extra-curricular activities.	Never	Sometimes	Always
Communication	Student is able to communicate effectively and appropriately with peers and staff.	Never	Sometimes	Always

QUALIFYING EXTRACURRICULAR & LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Art Club	Class Officer	Golf	Speech Club
Band	Drama Club	Media	Student Council
Basketball	FCCLA	NHS	Track
Baseball	FFA	Science Club	Volleyball
Cheerleading	Football	Scholastic Bowl	WYSE
Chorus	Gaming Club	Softball	

QUALIFYING COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Community service hours may be earned at any nonprofit organization. Students need to present a Community Service Verification Form to the leader of the qualifying organization. The leader will sign, date, and note the volunteer activity and number of student volunteer hours. These forms are available from the BCHS School Counselor. The volunteer hours will be tracked by the BCHS School Counselor. Only volunteer activities that have no compensation (monetary or other intended benefit) will be counted toward the community service requirement.

Approved Organizations

Action Brown County	Mt. Sterling YMCA
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Mt. Sterling Public Library
Brown County Food Basket	Nursing Homes
Brown County Ministerium	Relay for Life
Brown County Schools (public and private)	Two Rivers Regional Council
Church Youth Groups (service projects only, not meetings)	United Way of Brown County
Little League	+ Any designated 501(c)3 (nonprofit) organization