

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Community Service Advisors

Dr. Elizabeth Omegna, Coordinator and Grade 7 Contact
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September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed is the information regarding the Bedminster School Community Service Program. The purpose of this program is to foster a sense of social responsibility in students by providing them with an opportunity to contribute to their school and local community in meaningful ways.

Community Service requirements were discussed today in school with all seventh & eighth grade students. This program allows students to begin accumulating a portion of their hours at the start of their **seventh grade school year** (September 9, 2021). By the end of eighth grade all students are required to complete twenty (20) hours of community service. The enclosed guide provides details about the program, how to keep track of hours and timeframes for completing the requirement. Students should concentrate on having all hours completed by mid to late May of their 8th grade year.

Community service information is also available to students via the following:

- **District Web Site** - The district web site (www.bedminsterschool.org) contains a community service section under the Student tab. The guidebook and generic forms are posted so you can print them at your convenience. As new community service opportunities arise, they will be posted to the site along with permission slips.
- **E-Alerts** – We have the ability to send out email alerts from our district web site to all registered guests who subscribe to the Community Service page. If you are interested in receiving email alerts as new opportunities are posted, please see the directions attached to this letter. If you are already registered on our site simply follow the directions to subscribe to the Community Service page.
- **Bulletin Board** – Community service opportunities and permission slips are posted on the bulletin board on the third floor. Students should check often for new postings.
- **Homeroom Meetings** – Community service advisors routinely visit homerooms to make announcements and post class status of hours.
- **Class Meetings** – Occasionally we will convene the entire 7th grade class when we have several opportunities to announce or have a presentation from a local organization.
- **Community Service Coordinator** – Occasionally opportunities to assist the main office arise during student lunch periods and/or before/after school.

If you have any questions regarding community service, please contact the Middle School Principal or one of the community service advisors listed in the guide.

Sincerely,



Dr. Elizabeth Omegna
Middle School Principal, Grades 5-8

Bedminster Township School Community Service Information Guide



Bedminster Township Public School

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Ms. Jennifer Giordano, Superintendent
Mr. Corby Swan, Principal, Grades PreK-4
Dr. Elizabeth Omega, Principal, Grades 5-8

Bedminster Township School

The purpose of the Bedminster Township School Community Service Program is to foster a sense of social responsibility in students by providing them with an opportunity to contribute to their school and local community in meaningful ways. Community service enables young people to make a difference in the lives of others and, at the same time, develop a greater sense of their own worth and competence.

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, students must have completed 20 hours of community service by the end of their eighth grade year. **They may begin earning their hours at the beginning of seventh grade but must complete ten (10) of the twenty (20) hours in their eighth grade year.**

For example:

5 hours during seventh grade plus 15 hours during eighth grade

or

10 hours during the summer prior to eighth grade plus 10 hours during eighth grade

or

5 hours during seventh grade, 5 hours during their summer prior to eighth grade, plus 10 hours during eighth grade

or

20 hours during the eighth grade school year

At least ten (10) hours of the twenty (20) hour requirement of community service must be earned during the eighth grade school year. Any additional hours that the students earn will be included after the 20 hour requirement is met. Students need to submit signed contact sheets to one of the community service advisors or to the Middle School Principal in order to receive credit for their hours. These forms may be obtained from the advisors, the community service bulletin board, or the school website. It is recommended that students keep a personal log for their own records.

Students are encouraged to become involved in both school and community sponsored activities. The attached directory provides a list of suggested school and local community service opportunities. Sites not listed require the approval of the Middle School Principal before students begin the hours.

Community Service Directory

Community Service Advisors

Contact

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| Dr. Elizabeth Omegna, Principal, Grades 5-8, Community Service Lead Advisor | 908-234-0768 ext. 211 eomegna@bedminsterschool.org |
| Mr. Kyle Johnson | 908-234-0768 ext. 336 kjohnson@bedminsterschool.org |
| Ms. Cheryl Mitchell | 908-234-0768 ext. 332 cmitchell@bedminsterschool.org |
| Ms. Carmen Rodriguez | 908-234-0768 ext. 308 crodiguez@bedminsterschool.org |
| Ms. Jenna Thomas | 908-234-0768 ext. 237/291 jthomas@bedminsterschool.org |

Bedminster School Opportunities

Contact

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| Back to School Night guide | Middle School Principal |
| *Basketball scorekeeper | Athletic Director |
| Behind the Scenes assistant | Mr. Lefurge |
| Club assistant | Club Advisors |
| Homework club assistant | Ms. Rodriguez |
| Office assistant | Community Service Coordinator |

Local Opportunities

Contact

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| Albrook School | 908-580-0661 |
| American Red Cross of Greater Somerset County | 908-725-2217 |
| Bedminster Township Recreation Department | 908-212-7000 x404 |
| Bryan Manor | 908-234-0687 |
| Children's Museum | 908-725-4677 |
| Clarence Dillon Library | 908-234-2325 |
| Fellowship Village | 908-647-7600 |
| From Heaven with Love | 908-500-8024 <i>Mrs. Collins</i> |
| Handicapped Riders Club | 908-439-9636 |
| Matheny School | 908-234-0011 ext.282 or 259 |
| Pop Warner Concession Stand | |
| Somerset County 4H | 908-526-6644 |
| United Way of Somerset County | www.somersetonline.org |
| <i>Log on to view a variety of opportunities</i> | |
| Upper Raritan Watershed Association | 908-234-1852 |
| Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills | 908-766-0180 |

**Students who are also athletes on a BTS sporting team, must remain in good academic standing for their hours to accumulate, if they are acting as a "sport" related assistant. (i.e. baseball equipment manager)*

***You are encouraged to explore opportunities not listed above. However, be sure to check with the Middle School Principal for approval before beginning. Please note that your eighth grade fundraising efforts count toward your eighth grade trip, not for your community service requirement.*

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Student _____

Community Service Site: _____

Description of Activity: _____

| Date | Time in | Time out | Hours | Minutes | Signature |
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Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home telephone _____ Emergency phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Only complete the information below if community service is being done at Bedminster School:

Transportation will be: ___ parent pick-up ___ other: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

