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## **Benton High School**

41 Alma Street  
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# ***Zephyr Silver Cord Program***

## **OVERVIEW**

One of the district's goals is to enhance community engagement and communication. The Zephyr Silver Cord Program will recognize students who contribute to the community through service. Benton High School seniors who complete the required volunteer hours will be awarded the Silver Cord and recognized at graduation.

## **GOALS**

1. Encourage community engagement between students and the community.
2. Acknowledge students for community involvement.
3. Develop leadership skills.
4. Enhance life-long citizenship skills.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Students may begin accumulating hours during the summer before their freshman year. Service forms may be completed and turned in to the school principal. Seniors must turn in all forms by May 1. It is recommended that students accumulate thirty-five hours annually to stay on pace.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# ***Zephyr Silver Cord Requirements***

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Hours must be performed outside of school hours.
- Hours worked during the summer months count for the upcoming school year.
- Hours must include providing a service for someone other than family members and relatives.
- Hours will not be counted if money or compensation was acquired for the service.
- Services may not be court-ordered.
- Services may not include working for a political party or campaign.
- Services may not include working for a for-profit organization for free.

## **AWARDS**

### **SILVER CORDS**

Silver cords will be awarded at graduation to seniors who have accumulated a total of 140 service hours during their four years of high school.

### **SILVER CERTIFICATES**

Silver certificates will be awarded at the academic awards program for students who meet the following goals:

- Freshman--20 hours
- Sophomores--30 hours
- Juniors--40 hours
- Seniors--50 hours

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# ***Zephyr Silver Cord Approved Service Opportunities***

The following community organizations have offered to provide hours of service:

1. Benton School District
2. Benton Athletic Booster Club
3. Benton Music Booster Club
4. Benton Fire Department
5. Benton Community Development Corporation
6. Village of Benton
7. Benton Public Library
8. Benton Community Fund
9. Benton Alumni Association
10. St. Patrick's Church
11. Benton Methodist Church

See the principal for other opportunities and organizations that may qualify for service hours.