

## Bourbon County Chamber of Commerce—Business Education Partnership Work Ethics Seal Program

The Bourbon County Work Ready Soft Skills Committee, working with local businesses, industries and school personnel, has developed the **Work Ethic Seal** program with its own set of specific criteria to identify these very special students whose hard work, attendance and extracurricular activities distinguish them from the norm.

Students receiving the **Work Ethic Seal** should have an advantage when seeking employment as it easily identifies potential employees with a demonstrated work ethic. Listed on college applications it shows that the student has learned the value of active participation in school, and identifies the student as one who will regularly attend class and work hard at their education. Student's participation in the **Work Ethic Seal** program is voluntary and the pursuit of the certification program will be the responsibility of the student.

In order to qualify, students must achieve the following before graduating high school:

### Section 1

*Be actively involved in at least **two** of the following at any point from August of their freshman year through December of their senior year:*

- At least one season of participation in an organized team or individual sport
- At least one year of active involvement in an in-school extracurricular program
- A minimum of two consecutive months of employment at a part-time job
- A minimum of 20 documented hours of community service

### Section 2 - Will be verified by the High School Counselor

*Satisfy at least **one** of the following:*

- Certified College and/or Career Ready
- Successful completion of at least one year of a Job Skills class (AOHS, CCR, JKG classes etc...) or Career Pathway
- Completion of a Workforce training program (High School Manufacturing Academy, Academy of Health Science, Corporate College or a similar program as approved by guidance counselor)

### Section 3 - Will be verified by the High School Counselor

- Maintain regular attendance that complies with School Board policy
- Receive no more than 2 unexcused absences and/or tardies to school per year
- Discipline will be reviewed prior to awarding the seal
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA

Students must complete a verification form, **available in the counseling office**, for **Section 1**. Students will obtain appropriate signatures and contact information for each submission for **Section 1**. Individuals signing the submission forms may be contacted to ensure validity of information.

Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to apply for a drawing for a Paris-Bourbon County Chamber of Commerce scholarship. Students earning a **Work Ethic Seal** will wear a special cord at graduation and have the **Work Ethic Seal** affixed to their diplomas.

**Please return the completed verification form to your guidance counselor**

**by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017!**

**\*\*Late Applications will not be accepted**