

Community Service Guidelines

2021-22 School Year

What is Community Service? Community Service is a great opportunity to volunteer service to an organization that benefits the community and fosters civic and social responsibility. This encourages students to look beyond themselves and address issues facing our society/community such as poverty, abuse, elderly citizens, homeless, etc. Furthermore, Community Service should come from students on a **voluntary** basis and is neither paid for, graded, nor punitive. **In order to earn a cord for graduation, only 40 hours will be required the 2021-2022 school year as opposed to the 75 regularly required.**

Examples of what is community service:

- ✓ Volunteering for a non-profit organization
 - ✓ Club activities performed after school (not meetings)
 - ✓ Assisting at the Boys and Girls Club
 - ✓ Assisting at the Food Bank
 - ✓ Assisting at a hospital, retirement home(s), or orphanage
 - ✓ Peer tutoring after school or on weekends
 - ✓ Weekend or after school campus/community clean-up/beautification
 - ✓ Volunteering at Habitat for Humanity
 - ✓ Fundraising or donated items (can food, water, blankets, etc.) may count as community service so long as if **all funds raised are donated** to address a social issue/community
 - ✓ Donations for blood and/or Locks of Love
- *organizations that are established and/or non-profit

NON-PROFIT DONATIONS

\$0 - \$5 = 3 HOURS
\$5.01 - \$10 = 5 HOURS
\$10.01 - \$20 = 10 HOURS
OVER \$20 = see student activity coord.
Gently used school uniforms = 3 hours per item, up to 5 pcs per student

***STUDENTS MAY ONLY DONATE UP TO 50 HOURS PER SCHOOL YEAR.**

Examples of what is NOT community service:

- ✗ Assisting in the Library, helping a classroom teacher, the office, or teacher aides
- ✗ Services performed for profit-making
- ✗ Volunteering during regular school hours
- ✗ Extracurricular Activities such as but not limited to, Cheerleading, Dance, Athletic Sports, or other performance activities either on campus or off campus.
- ✗ Family related activities/service or where a family member supervises
- ✗ Defraying costs of trip, etc.
- ✗ Hours that are compensated either financially or with some other material benefit
- ✗ Promoting a political candidate or individual;
- ✗ Activities where there is **no adult leadership** to evaluate and confirm students' performance

Other Information:

Be proactive and enthusiastic when searching for a Non-Profit Organization. When volunteering your time it is important that you fully understand what is expected of you, so take the time to ask questions about what you will be doing. Community Service is **not** a requirement for High School Graduation, but it is highly encouraged. For students who complete 100 or more hours during their Senior year, a special graduation recognition cord will be awarded.

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Students are responsible for keeping their proper documentation as well as records of all Community Service hours. Signatures that cannot be verified will be voided. The campus principal or principal designee will determine a deadline for all Community Service hour submissions.