

COMMUNITY SERVICE POLICY

Beginning with the graduating class of 2027, all students must obtain 75 hours of community service credit as a requirement for graduation. Below is a list of community service opportunities approved by the Board of Trustees for which students can earn community service credit. Students can earn credit for volunteer service at onsite activities or outside of the campus at community organizations. All hours must be recorded using the ASBVI/ASD Community Service Timesheet and verified by a supervising adult in order to earn community service hours at ASBVI/ASD. All completed forms must be submitted to the school counselor in order for credit to be recorded.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT ASBVI & ASD

Onsite Community Service Volunteer Opportunities That Qualify for Community Service Credit—ASBVI and ASD

Below is a list of onsite activities in which students may obtain community service credit on campus. The list is not exhaustive of opportunities that can qualify for community service hours. The Board of Trustees grants the superintendent with authority to modify the list below in order to provide additional opportunities for students to earn community service credit.

2024-2025 School Year

- October 10: Literacy Night from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Help with greeting and directing visitors, setting up snack table, games/booths tables and clean up.
- November 8: ASBVI Parade: After school November 7th and the morning of November 8th. Help decorate floats and participate in the parade.
- Month of November: help younger students prepare for the annual Spelling Bee. First round will be December 5.
Saturday, December 7 (morning): Cookies With Santa. Help set up tables for Birth to 3 families, decorate the cafeteria, assist families with decorating cookies and clean up afterwards.
- December 12: Computer Science Night from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Help greeting and directing visitors, setting up games/booths, snack table and cleaning up.
- December 19: Christmas Concert during the evening. Help set up in the cafeteria after school, help clean up the cafeteria after dinner and help distribute programs and greet visitors at Woolly Auditorium.
- February 19: Black History Assembly during the school day. Help distribute programs, greet visitors and decorate Woolly Auditorium.

- March TBA: Family Math Night from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Help set up and clean up. Help greeting and directing visitors and setting up tables/games/booths and snacks.
- March 20: Student Talent Show during the evening. Help set up in the cafeteria after school, help clean up the cafeteria after dinner and help distribute programs and greet visitors at Woolly Auditorium.
- April 15 - tentative date: ASBVI Athletic Banquet in the evening. Help set up in the cafeteria after school, help clean up the cafeteria after dinner and help distribute programs and greet visitors at Woolly Auditorium.
- April TBA: ASD Athletic Banquet in the evening. Help set up in the cafeteria after school, help clean up the cafeteria after dinner and help distribute programs and greet visitors at Woolly Auditorium.
- April 17 : ASBVI Prom Night in the evening. Help decorate and clean up venue and set up tables.
- April TBA : ASD Prom Night. Help decorate and clean up venue and set up tables.
- April TBA: 4th Annual Cane Quest. Help greet and direct visitors and help with check in table.
- May 22: ASBVI High School Graduation. Help set up in cafeteria for lunch, help greet and distribute programs at Woolly Auditorium.
- May 22: ASD High School Graduation. Help set up, decorate, greet and distribute programs as well as clean up.
- May 28: PreK and Kindergarten Graduation: help decorate the Multi-Purpose room after school on May 27th.

General Projects at ASBVI- scheduled in advance with the appropriate person

- Cafeteria Helper: Contact Ms. Barbara Cole to schedule helping in the cafeteria by restocking utensils, napkin holders and wiping down tables and chairs. Mrs. Cole can be reached at barbara.cole@ade.arkansas.gov
- Instructional Resource Center: help stocking water in campus refrigerators, help delivering packages, help in the Large Print library and help in the Braille library. Contact Mrs. Jena McDonnell at irc@ade.arkansas.gov
- Gymnasium: help the Athletic Director with stocking water and setting up for sports games and classes. Contact Coach Tanner at brian.tanner@ade.arkansas.gov.

General Projects at ASD—scheduled in advance with the appropriate person

- Cafeteria Helper: Contact Ms. Penny Howard to schedule helping in the cafeteria by restocking utensils, napkin holders and wiping down tables and chairs. Penny can be reached at penny.howard@ade.arkansas.gov

- Gymnasium: help the Athletic Director with stocking and setting up for sports games, line judging, and logging the scorebook. Contact Coach Varner at tommy.varner@ade.arkansas.gov
- Grounds Work: assist with landscaping needs. Contact Roy DePriest for more information at roy.depriest@ade.arkansas.gov
- Facilities: Contact Ernest Northup to see how you can help prepare rooms for meetings by setting out tables and chairs or doing light cleaning. Ernie can be reached at ernest.northup@ade.arkansas.gov

Off-Campus Community Service Activities Approved by Board of Trustees

These opportunities meet the criteria for community service as approved by the Board of Trustees. Many of these community service providers have systems in place to protect youth volunteers.

- Adopt a park, community center, or flower bed in your local community.
- Animal Shelter in your local community. In Little Rock, contact the Friends of Animal Village at volunteersfav@gmail.com.
- Arkansas Food Bank - sign up at <https://arkansasfoodbank.org/volunteer/#volunteer-center>. Must have a chaperone. Groups of volunteers are encouraged.
- Church Volunteer - example, food pantry, youth group assistant, special events. Contact your local church.
- Heifer International - sign up at <https://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/volunteer/index.html> Must be 16 years of age to volunteer and students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone.
- Hospital Volunteer in your local community.
- iCan of Arkansas, 900 W. 7th Street, Little Rock. Call (501) 666-8868 State agency that provides assistive technology and medical supplies. (*Confirming*)
- Little Rock Marathon: will be held on March 2, 2025. Work at a water distribution table, or organize a chaperoned group to provide entertainment along the route (choir, band, cheer team, dance crew, etc.) Contact Darren Tillery, Volunteer Chair at lrmarathonvolunteer@gmail.com.
- Little Rock Zoo: (must be 12-18 years old). Contact knichols@littlerock.gov or call 501-661-7220. Applications accepted from January 1 - February 1, 2025
- Nursing Home in your community. Help with projects, read aloud or provide entertainment.
- Sign up to be a reader for the Arkansas Diamond Primary Award. Contact Ruth Hyatt, Coordinator of Youth Services at the Arkansas State Library for more information. ruth.hyatt@ade.arkansas.gov.
- Other community service opportunities with prior approval by the superintendent.

What does not qualify as community service hours?

- chores
- babysitting
- political work for a candidate or party
- required county presentations (including IEW)
- participation in sports teams (including being a manager)
- school plays (including backstage)
- participation in Student Council or other school clubs
- volunteering at school during a free period without prior permission