

Community Service-FAQ's

Why should I volunteer during high school and document the hours?

1. To earn a commendation on your HS Diploma and wear a set of black cords during graduation. To qualify students must complete 75 hours of documented community service.
2. Community service looks good on post-secondary applications.
3. Some scholarships use community service hours as a major component for consideration.
4. Volunteering gives the person volunteering a sense of community, brings people together and makes a difference.
5. Service reduces stress and strengthens the immune system.

What counts as community service?

Pretty much anything that would benefit the community in a positive way with the **EXCEPTION** of the following:

1. Cannot be performed for a relative.
2. Cannot be paid for the service.
3. If the service is connected to religious activities, check with Mr. Davis to ensure the hours will count.
4. If the service is related to a school class or activity, check with Mr. Davis to ensure the hours will count.

How many hours can be logged?

Students can log as many hours as possible, but students can **only** earn 50 hours for **one** recurring service in a calendar year. The SAME hours can NOT be used for NHS and community service.

Where can I find the forms to document the volunteer hours?

1. Online (HS Website-under Student Services Tab)
2. The main office (Mrs. McKay's Desk)
3. Counseling office (to the left in large kiosk)
4. Mr. Davis' room (230-Social Studies hall)

What must be done to document the hours?

1. Students must keep accurate track of the hours performed (Times and Dates).
2. Students must explain the service performed.
3. Students must reflect on their service by answering two questions (40 words minimum EACH)
4. **(MOST IMPORTANT)** Students must get a signature and contact information from a volunteer leader or person who witnessed the service (NOT a parent).

Where should the forms be turned in?

Room 230-Mr. Davis (Social Studies Wing) PLEASE be timely in turning in hours. Students should turn in hours NO later than 6 months after finishing the volunteer experience.

SENIORS! Don't wait until the last minute to turn in your hours.

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS! Don't wait until your senior year to START volunteering.