

Community Service

Community Service is your opportunity to gain leadership skills and to gain the self-respect that comes from helping others. Completing Community Service hours will improve your high school resume for college entrance particularly if you do your service for the same organization for more than two years. You can also complete a portion (up to 10) of your total hours on campus as long as you have worked with an outside organization for your grade level Integrated Unit Projects.

As you engage in your required hours of Community Service dependent upon your grade level keep in mind that these hours must be completed with specific kinds of organizations. Service to our community is designed to assist organizations that operate for the benefit of the community, i.e. not for profit. While it is useful for you to gain experience while volunteering for a profitable business this type of volunteering will not be credited toward your hours of community service. The purpose is contained within the name of the activity itself; you are voluntarily providing a service to your community by giving your time, energy and talents to an organization that operates for this very purpose. Examples of non-profit organizations include food banks, community centers, schools, charities such as the Make-A-Wish foundation or government-funded organizations such as emergency veterinary care or the SPCA. These organizations all operate to meet specific needs within the community rather than for the purpose of profiting/making money. Find one of these not-for-profit organizations for which to donate your time and enthusiasm.

For on-campus Community Service volunteer activities students should present their log to the teacher of record to get signature for hours served. No more than ½ of the hours per year can be served on campus. Some examples of specific On Campus activities include: STAR Testing, Student Government, 7th Period Clean Up, Event Set-Up and Breakdown as well as Teacher Project Assistance.

Total Hours by Grade Level and Required Project Hours

9th Grade- World Cultures Project → 6 Hours + Additional 10 Hours=16 Hours

10th Grade- Integrated project + community service = 24 Hours

11th Grade- Family and Community History → 22 Hours + Additional 10 Hours= 32 Hours

12th Grade- Senior Internship → 30 Hours + Additional 10 Hours=40 Hours

Total= 112 Hours to Graduate