

Community Service Requirement

Students are required to complete 20 hours of community service by the end of their senior year as a graduation requirement. Failure to complete the required hours will result in failure to graduate. Students may begin to fulfill this requirement at the start of their freshman (9th grade) year. All community service activities require prior approval by their current social studies teacher. Completed hours will also be logged by their current social studies teacher. It is suggested, but not mandatory, that students try to complete five hours per year throughout high school. This policy was adopted by the Board of Education and implemented in the 2009-2010 school year. The hours required are therefore pro-rated, as follows:

Community Service Guidelines

- Students can not be paid for the work they do
- Work done for family members does not count
- Community service hours require prior approval, description of the service, signature of the supervisor of the task performed, and signature of teacher upon completion

Examples of Acceptable Community Service (but not limited to)

- Helping in Elementary classrooms
- Peer Tutoring
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Work with church sponsored events
- Helping the elderly (non-family members)
- Volunteering at nursing homes
- Volunteering with the SPCA, hospitals, libraries
- Volunteering with youth sports, e.g. Little League
- Volunteering for school activities that are non-related to clubs in which you are involved
- Volunteering for Learning is Fun Night or Dollars For Scholars events

Community Service Contract

NAME: _____

_____ **Prior Approval (Teacher initial and date)**

_____ **Date/Time of Activity**

_____ **Signature of Supervisor**

_____ **Signature of Teacher (Upon completion)**

Description of Activity: