

Eighth Grade Community Service Requirement

Guidelines for Community Service

1. Every eighth grader will complete 10 hours of community service between the first day of school and the last day of school. Students entering school mid-year will complete pro-rated hours based on their enrollment date.
2. Community service can be performed during the school day, afterschool, evenings and weekends.
3. The student cannot profit monetarily from the service.
4. The service must benefit others. Community service efforts should focus outside of the family.
5. Someone other than a relative of the student should supervise the service.
6. The community service hours must be documented and submitted to the student's advisor at the conclusion of each marking period.
7. Community service projects must have parental approval before starting.
8. Students will receive recognition for exceptional community service hours at the end-of-the-year awards ceremony.

Sample Community Service Activities

1. Help an elderly neighbor with yard work or chores.
2. Volunteer at the library, town hall, recreation department, fire department, ambulance squad, hospital, nursing home, shelter, etc.
3. Participate in school beautification.
4. Arrange to tutor elementary or middle school students.
5. Research an important local historical event and make presentations to community groups.
6. Assist a classroom teacher.
7. Research and organize a student directory of youth service opportunities and distribute to other students.

Deadlines for Community Service

First Marking Period 2.5 hours minimum

Second Marking Period 5 cumulative hours minimum

Third Marking Period 7.5 cumulative hours minimum

Fourth Marking Period 10 cumulative hours minimum

(*Community service must be completed by the final day of the school year. The final collection due date is set prior to the last day to allow for the determination of awards and the identification of students that may have difficulty completing the requirement.)

Students that complete additional hours beyond those required will be considered for exemplary community service recognition awards.

Students that fail to complete and/or submit the required documentation for community service hours for the marking period by the due date will receive an “N” as an Advisory grade on the marking period report card.

Students that have not completed the requisite 10 hours of community service by the final June deadline will be scheduled for in-school community service during recess and after school during the final weeks of school.