

EHS Service Learning Graduation Requirement

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

- Mahatma Gandhi

As a component of graduation and high school coursework, students are now required to fulfill service learning hours. This provides students with valuable life skills, and allows for career exploration, all while helping other people.

The following is required for each class:

- o Class of 2017 and beyond: 50 Hours
- o Students may begin accruing hours in the summer following their eighth grade year.
- o Early grads must have all hours completed before they graduate early.

Students who have participated in volunteer work through their church or other outside organization (ex: 4-H, boy scouts, etc.) may use their hours from these sources but need to document **four distinct experiences**. *For example, a student may go on a mission trip, work at their church Sunday school, work at a concession stand for a club, and help out in the FFA Community Garden.*

Hours must be through an organization & need a non-family member to document work.

There will be opportunities to gain hours both within coursework at the high school, as well as through outside sources. There are many requests for volunteers throughout the year that are publicized both on school announcements and at the district website. Students are encouraged to pursue areas of service that are of interest to them.

Lettering in Service Learning

Students are also encouraged to continue to document hours beyond the requirement for college scholarships and admissions, or if interested in pursuing a letter in service. Lettering in service requires 50 or more hours beyond the requirement (100 total) plus a capstone project that is of the student's design and implementation.

All hours will be verified and approved by the volunteer coordinator and/or an administrator.

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"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill