AMHS COMMUNITY SERVICE Documentation

Student
Date(s) of Service
Organization
Number of Hours
Type of Service
Supervisor title and signature
Supervisor's email address:
Supervisor's contact number

Student Reflection: Use the following questions to guide your reflection on the experience. What have you learned? How did you learn it? Why is it important? Please write on the back of this form.

Academic Magnet High School Community Service Why do we require community service?

- To promote social responsibility
- To foster active citizenship
- To promote growth as human beings
- To encourage the development of new interests
- To create well-rounded, caring, and active students

What are some examples of community service?

- Volunteering on-site with the SPCA
- Fostering animals--although valuable, this activity involves the whole family, so the hours will be capped at 5 hours
- Accepting and organizing canned goods at the Food Bank
- Organizing, collecting, and delivering clothing or books to agencies or schools
- Working as a short term summer missionary (max. of 10 hours per day--only work days count, not travel days)
- Volunteering at MUSC or another local hospital
- Playing the piano or singing (or both) at a local nursing home
- Participating in a beach sweep
- Tutoring children at a local elementary after-school program
- Sewing caps for premature infants at MUSC
- Coaching or helping to coach a recreational league sport
- Teaching or volunteering at Vacation Bible School
- Helping an elderly person on a consistent basis with household chores or yard work
- Baking for a charitable bake sale

What kinds of activities are <u>not</u> considered community service?

- Club meetings, even clubs focused on service
- Donations of any kind (money, food, clothing, books etc.)
- Babysitting for a family member
- Rehearsal for a performance

- Regular, weekly church activities such as serving as an acolyte, singing in a choir or playing in a praise band
- You may not receive "double hours" from any organization.

Family members and adults under 21 may not sign or verify community service forms.

Each student is required to complete a minimum of 30 community service hours each year and should have:

- 30 hours of community service due by May 1 of the 9th grade year.
- 60 total hours of community service due by May 1 of the 10th grade year.
- 90 total hours of community service due by May 1 of the 11th grade year.

90 total hours are **REQUIRED** for graduation with an Academic Magnet High School certificate.

120 hours are needed for a recognition cord at graduation.

A Note on Donations:

Students should not receive hours for giving a donation (food, books, clothing, etc). They can receive credit for delivering the items or sorting items at the school or warehouse. They could also get credit for making promotional materials or decorating donation boxes. Grade Level Team Leaders will compile a list of students who do not comply with the requirements and send letters to them regarding the August, beginning of school deadline for documenting service.

What happens if I do not complete my hours?

Students who do not complete the requirement by May 1 will not have privileges such as reserving a parking spot for the following year. Seniors will also not be eligible for an early-out if their hours are not complete. Administration will determine other penalties on an on-going basis.

*Reminder: Turn hours in within 30 days of service.