

HIGHLAND SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

For School Year 2007-2008
Please return to Mrs. Catalfamo

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please review the community service guidelines on the back of this form.

Service to Community Agencies Outside of Highland

DATE	# OF HOURS	ORGANIZATION	SUPERVISOR	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE (May not be a parent)	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

Service to Highland

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Highland School Community Service Program Guidelines (Upper School Handbook)

Purpose

Highland School's community service program strives to facilitate personal growth and community awareness in all students by:

- Engaging them in meeting real community needs;
- Broadening their perspective and range of experiences;
- Developing a sense of civic responsibility, integrity and compassion, and;
- Helping them to recognize their individual strengths and leadership potential through service opportunities.

Graduation Requirement

Students in Grade 9-11* are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of approved community service each year for a total of 60 during their Highland career. Documentation of these hours must be submitted to the Director of Service Learning by May 1. ***Students who have not submitted their service hour documentation will have their final grade report held, will be suspended from leadership positions until the requirement is satisfied, and will not be considered for service awards.***

Additionally, rising Seniors will not receive Senior privileges or a Highland diploma until the requirement is satisfied.

Guidelines

Students are encouraged to make the most of this requirement by choosing service activities that expose them to people, environments and experiences beyond their regular familiarity. All service hours must be completed outside of regular school time. No students may be paid or receive other compensation for their service. Please contact the Director of Service Learning with questions about the requirement.

A maximum of 10 hours annually of Highland-related service may be counted towards the annual requirement. Examples include ushering Center for the Arts events on weeknights and weekends, and assisting with Highland Summer Camps.

A minimum of 10 hours annually must be completed in service to the community beyond Highland. Examples include volunteering for community agencies such as Hospice, SPCA, Habitat for Humanity, Boys and Girls Club, Fauquier Hospital Junior Volunteer Program, Therapeutic Riding, and the American Red Cross.

Church-Related Service

Effective September 2007, in the spirit of encouraging students to engage in new experiences, service that benefits the church community (for example: babysitting during church services, choir practice, serving as an acolyte) does not qualify. Service that is done in outreach to the greater community (for example: youth group mission trips, church choir performance for a nursing home) generally qualifies towards the requirement.

* Seniors will complete a Senior Project in place of the 20 hour community service hour requirement.