

Community Service



Virtue *in Action*

Virtutis laus in actione: “In Praise of Virtue in Action”

As affirmed in our mission statement, Cincinnati Country Day has “a steadfast commitment to... service to others.”

Community Service Hours Are a Graduation Requirement

90 hours of community service over the course of a high school career are required for graduation from CCDS. Most students far exceed this number. While we value all opportunities to make a difference, we make a distinction between **Volunteer Hours** and **Service Hours**. Our goal is to encourage students to stretch and challenge their normal routines and associations, which is why we honor both types of giving back: Volunteer and Service.

Volunteer Hours: include working at one’s place of worship, assisting at CCDS events, helping on a political campaign, being a counselor at a private camp, etc. Only 30 of the 90 hours required for graduation can be Volunteer.

Service Hours: involve direct participation with underserved populations such as the poor, the elderly, the sick, the disabled, the homeless, animals, or the environment, to mention a few.

Note: *Students attending CCDS’ Annual Community Service Days will receive 5 Service Hours each year for a total of 20 Service hours, leaving only 40 more to complete.* A minimum of 60 of the 90 hours required for graduation must be Service Hours. There is no maximum number of Service Hours.

Verification of Community Service Hours

To formally earn credit for any community service hours, students must turn into the Dean of Service Learning a “Verification of Community Service” form available online and outside Ms. Floyd’s office.

Suggested Schedule for Requirement Completion

Assuming students will earn 20 Service Hours by attending CCDS Service Days, below is a suggested (but not required) schedule to help students keep “on track” for the remaining 70 hours. Freshmen can accrue hours the summer proceeding 9th.

Freshman: 15 hours

Juniors: 20 hours

Sophomores: 15 hours

Seniors: 20 hours

Community Service...it’s what the BLUE do!

Questions? Contact Ms. Deborah Floyd, Dean of Service Learning
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VOLUNTEER HOURS

(30 maximum)

Worship Service Participation
Church/Temple Camp (VBS)
Counselor in Training
Political Campaign
Community Parade
Community Events
Leadership Workshops
CCDS Events/Camps
Book Fair
FallFest
Coaching Assistant
Event Usher
Ticket Taker
Library Assistant
Tutor/Mentor
Tour Guide/Ambassador
Event Babysitting
Event Mailings
Camp Counselor

SERVICE HOURS

(60 minimum...no maximum)

Breakthrough Cincinnati
MEAC (Madisonville)
Free Store Food Bank
Neediest Kids of All
Special Olympics
Girls & Boys' Clubs
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen
Drop Inn Center
Habitat for Humanity
Hospital Volunteer
Nursing Home
Stepping Stones
The Red Cross
Humane Society/SPCA
Animal Rescue Fund (ARF)
Walk-a-thons
Granny's Garden
Valley View Nature Preserve
Green Acres

Need more Service Ideas?

Log onto UGive.org!

*All Volunteer and Service Hours are logged onto the UGive website by the Dean of Service Learning.

*All Upper School Students have an UGive Account and can check their cumulative Service Hours at any time.

Note: If your Volunteer Organization (Church, Temple, Scouts, etc.) is hosting an event for a group considered disadvantaged, then those hours would become Service Hours.