

# Community Service



# Virtue in Action

## *Virtutis laus in actione: In Praise of Virtue in Action*

### **Community Service Hours Are a Graduation Requirement**

90 hours of community service are required for graduation from CCDS (for students enrolled grades 9-12). 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: Volunteerism and Service to others.

**Volunteer Hours** include working at one's place of worship, assisting at CCDS events, helping on a political campaign, being an unpaid counselor at a private camp, etc. **Up to 30** of the 90 required hours can be volunteer hours.

**Service Hours** involve direct participation with underserved populations such as individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people experiencing homelessness, poverty, and illness. Service can also be in the interest of improving the living conditions of animals or working to better the environment. **A minimum of 60** of the 90 hours required for graduation must be service hours. There is no maximum number of service hours.

*Note: Students attending CCDS' Annual Community Service Days will receive 5 Service Hours for each Service Day.*

### **Verification of Hours**

To earn credit for community service hours, students must upload their service hours to their account on my.innerview.org and the Director of Service Learning will approve them. All uploaded hours **MUST** have the name and email OR phone number to contact the supervisor.

*Note: If any of this information is missing, the hours will not be verified until correct information is given. The supervisor cannot be a family member.*

### **Students new to the Upper School**

A my.innerview.org account will be set up for you in the fall. If you do service work during the summer of 2021, please complete the Hours Verification form at the end of this note.

### **Suggested Schedule for Requirement Completion**

Assuming students will earn 20 Service Hours by attending four 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 before 9<sup>th</sup> grade

9<sup>th</sup> grade year: 15 hours  
10<sup>th</sup> grade year: 15 hours

11<sup>th</sup> grade year: 20 hours  
12<sup>th</sup> grade year: 20 hours

**Questions?** Contact Mrs. Laura Gunn, Director of Service Learning  
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*\*\*NOTE: Due to COVID, and the loss of a Service Day during the 2020-2021 school year, students in the classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024 only need to complete 85 hours.*

## Suggested organizations for

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS** (30 maximum)

Book Fair  
Camp Counselor (CIT)  
\*unless serving the underprivileged  
CCDS Events/Camps  
CCDS Event Babysitting  
CCDS Event Mailings  
Church/Temple Camp (VBS)  
Coaching Assistant  
Community Events  
Community Parade  
Event Usher  
FallFest  
Library Assistant  
Political Campaign  
Ticket Taker  
Tour Guide/Ambassador

### **SERVICE HOURS** (60 minimum...no maximum)

Bake Me Home	Bethany House
Boys & Girls Clubs	Breakthrough Cincinnati
Clutter 2 Care	Dress for Success
Fernside Center for Grieving Children	Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen
Freestore Foodbank	Habitat for Humanity
Hospital Volunteer	Interfaith Hospitality Network
Keep Cincinnati Beautiful	La Soupe
Lighthouse Youth Services	MEAC (Madisonville)
Matthew 25: Ministries	Nursing Home
Operation Give Back	Reach Out Lakota
Shelterhouse	Special Olympics
Stepping Stones	The Red Cross
Tikkun Farm	

## **Need more Service Ideas? Log into: [my.innerview.org](http://my.innerview.org) OR check out the **CCDS Service Learning OneNote Notebook!****

- All Volunteer and Service Hours are logged **by the students** and verified by the Director of Service Learning.
- All Upper School Students have an account on **my.innerview.org** and can check their cumulative Service Hours at any time.
- **INTERNSHIPS *are not considered service*** or volunteer, even when unpaid.

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade:        9                    10                    11                    12

Name of Organization/Event \_\_\_\_\_

Check ONE:

Volunteer Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Served: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC Date(s) of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Name of On-Site Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number for Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Service Description (to be completed by the on-site supervisor):

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Signature of On-Site Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: This cannot be a family member!*

**THESE HOURS WILL BE UPLOADED IN THE FALL: SAVE THIS COPY!**