



Updated 2020-2021 Community Service Requirement for Graduation

Our mission forms and calls us to be women and men *with and for* others. Community service offers volunteer experiences outside of the classroom that provides learning, aids personal growth and develops leadership skills. In the history of our school students have approached the service requirement with maturity and joy, with most going above and beyond the 100 hour requirement. With that in mind, we approach the new school year with the passion to serve the needs around us while centering the safety of our students and honoring the comfortable level of their families.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, we have revised the requirement for the Class of 2021. Seniors will be expected to complete 75 hours of community service by January 4, 2021, instead of 100 hours at the start of senior year which we normally require. We will be hosting a virtual CORE Project over the Fall semester for students who have not completed it that will be credited as 40 hours. Additionally, we are honoring the policies in our guidelines and expanding the service-learning opportunities that students can engage in to meet the requirement.

Guidelines:

The guidelines for service activities/volunteering remain the same.

- Service must be completed with an agency/organization that holds non-profit status.
- Service must be verified by the agency/non-profit through the x2VOL platform or by providing one type of documentation.
 - We will accept the following forms of documentation only:
 - Screenshot or print out of volunteer log.
 - Letter from the agency/organization.
 - Volunteer Certificate from the agency/organization.

The Office of Community Service and Justice will generate a list of service-learning opportunities at the start of Fall Semester. Service-learning opportunities that will be offered will include:

- Advocacy
- Justice Education/Formation
- Volunteering in Direct (in-person) or Digital Service

More information will continue to be communicated through email and the Community Service Canvas Page. We encourage students to be diligent in communication.

Frequently Asked Questions:

If I completed all of my support hours and only need to complete CORE, what am I supposed to do?

You will be required to participate in the CORE Project that the Office of Community Service and Justice will program over the Fall Semester. More details will follow via email from Ms. López and Ms. Setiady.

If I started my CORE but was unable to complete all 40 hours because of the pandemic, what do I do?

The hours you already completed will be counted towards the 35 required SUPPORT hours and you will be required to participate in the CORE Project that we will host virtually.

If I started my CORE Project and I have the opportunity to continue doing service at my agency, do I still need to participate in the CORE Project through your office?

Great question! Please reach out to Ms. López as we will allow some students to continue their CORE on a case-by-case basis.

What do you recommend to parents/guardians during this time?

We respect that some families may not yet feel comfortable with their child volunteering in person. Other parents/guardians may feel comfortable having their student participate in socially distant service opportunities, such as a food bank. We will leave this decision up to your discretion as a family and will offer a list of digital/online volunteer opportunities for students to engage in.

I am not a senior- what am I expected to do?

You are expected to work towards completing your SUPPORT service hours digitally, online or in-person. Talk to your parents and find opportunities that are interesting to you.

Where can I find opportunities to volunteer?

We recommend you look at our list of partner agencies [online](#) and contact them directly. Additionally, we recommend these online platforms to find local opportunities:

Volunteer Match - www.volunteermatch.org

Teens Volunteer - <https://teensvolunteer.org/>

CA Volunteers - <https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/get-involved/>

Who can I contact with questions or help?

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Thank you for your patience, flexibility and passion for community service.