



Community Service Requirement

Highland Park High School has a tradition of encouraging community service among its students. Our motto defines the heartbeat and mission of our school: “Enter to learn; go forth to serve.”

In 1991, to encourage greater community involvement and to instill a lifetime commitment to service, Highland Park High School instituted a 50-hour community service requirement for graduation. In order for service hours to be recognized, they must benefit people in need.

The school recommends that students attempt to complete a minimum of 12.5 hours per year of direct or indirect service. Indirect service includes solicitations, fundraising drives, collection drives, and advocacy.

HPHS Community Service Organizations

In recent years, students have earned community service hours through the following opportunities and more:

- HPHS Community Service Council, established in 1999, with the objective of providing school-wide community service opportunities for the entire student body
- HPHS service clubs supporting specific needs:
 - 65 Roses
 - Best Buddies
 - ASTRA
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - FCA Boys/Girls
 - Hi-Lites
 - Fashion Club
 - SWADE
- Alternative Spring Break trips and mission trips
- Volunteering at local agencies, including:
 - Austin Street Shelter
 - Children’s Medical Center
 - Genesis Women’s Shelter
 - The Family Place

To join any of the organizations or ask questions, please visit the Community Service Council Room G128 or email hpscsecretary@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get credit for hours I have served?

You must complete a “Community Service Hour Monitoring Sheet.” Then visit the Community Service web site, www.hphsservice.com. Hours must be submitted within 30 days of service. You will need your user name and password. If you have not received this information, please stop by the Community Service room, G128 or visit with Catherine Viveros in the counseling office.

How do I know what counts as service hours?

Generally, anything, which benefits those in need, will be recognized. However, when in doubt always get prior approval by e-mailing Kristen Toney at toneyk@hpsid.org.

Can I receive community service credit from work at my church or synagogue?

Any work that is not direct religious instruction, such as childcare or recreation, will be recognized.

What is the community service room? And where is it located?

The community service room is where you learn about community service opportunities. You can also find applications for service clubs and events. It is located at G128 near the cafeteria.

What is the CSC web address for on-line access to information?

www.hphsservice.com

How do I become part of Community Service Council?

Community Service Council is an organization that promotes community service at the high school. Each semester we host projects to assist local schools or agencies in addressing various community needs. To become a member, visit the community service room G128 located by the cafeteria or visit our website at www.hphsservice.com.

Please complete the application and return promptly to G128.

CSC Events 2006 – 2007

- **Sept. 9:** Car Wash
- **Oct. 21:** Make A Difference Day
- **Nov. 7-17:** Canned Food Drive
- **Dec. 4-13:** Angel Drive
- **Feb. 14:** Blood Drive - HPHS cafeteria
- **March 24:** Spring Project
- **April 14:** Scholarship 5K

Meeting Dates:

Mondays at 8 pm in HPHS Small Auditorium

August 28, October 2, November 6,
December 4, January 8, February 5,
March 5, April 2 & May 7

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