



Harvest Ridge

Cooperative Charter School

Community Service Project Guidelines

Definition: Community service can be defined as volunteer work done for any organization that benefits members of our immediate community, or in a larger context, a broader range of society.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

“Do what you can where you are with what you have.” Theodore Roosevelt

“Never doubt that a small group of concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Why participate in community service?

- **It feels good.** The satisfaction and pride that comes from helping others are important reasons to volunteer. When you commit your time and effort to an organization or a cause you feel strongly about, the feeling of fulfillment can be endless.
- **It strengthens your community.** Organizations and agencies that use volunteers are providing important services at low or no cost to those who need them. When a community is doing well as a whole, its individuals are better off, too.
- **It is a requirement to be able to participate in Graduation and Graduation activities.** Eighth graders need to complete 12 hours of community service between the completion of their 7th grade year and May 1st of their 8th grade year. Two hours of the twelve may be served at HRCCS.

What constitutes as community service?

- Any work done for a non-profit organization. You may serve one organization or a variety.
- Please see the document titled, “*Ideas for Community Service Projects*” for a non-exhaustive list of potential projects.

Other Requirements:

- Complete and submit a *Community Service Hours Form* before the end of fall and winter trimester in which the community serviced was performed and before May 1st for spring trimester.
- Create a presentation summarizing the highlights of your community service project and present to 7th graders. Details regarding the presentation requirements will be posted on Schoology.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____