Community Service Graduation Requirements

The Pasadena Unified School District has adopted new graduation requirements starting with the class of 2019. A new requirement is that all students will complete Community Service or Work-Based Learning hours. Students enrolled in a traditional diploma path (220 credits) will be required to complete forty hours of approved Community Service and/or Work-Based learning, whereas those participating in the alternative learning option (170 credits) are required to complete 60 Community Service and/or Work-Based learning hours.

The section below applies only to Community Service hours

- 1. Completing ten hours of Community Service per year is recommended.
- 2. Seniors are encouraged to complete all of their hours by the end of first semester to ensure an accurate account of total hours completed by graduation.
- 3. PUSD guidelines for Community Service require students work only for a Non-Profit Organization (501c3, tax exempt status).
- 4. Students who are completing the International Baccalaureate Program and/or Pathways Certification requirements may use hours from those specific programs to fulfill the Community Service/Work Based Learning hours noted above.

Definition of Community Service

The giving of one's time, efforts and skills outside of school class time for the purpose of benefitting the community (local or global), without monetary compensation.

Selection of Community Service Opportunities

- 1. Students select a "hands-on" Community Service project of interest and then contact the non-profit organization to sign up.
- 2. The non-profit organization must be able to use student volunteers outside of the school day on weekdays or on weekends
- 3. Students may receive Community Service hours for volunteering on political campaigns, to benefit an individual, or an issue. Students may receive hours for working on non-partisan events, or working at the polls after school hours.
- 4. Students receive credit for working as "hands-on" support of charitable fundraisers

These are not acceptable activities for Community Service and/or Work-Based Leaning

- 1. Babysitting or working at home
- 2. Activities that solicit funds(Ex: In a marathon to raise money for cancer research, a student may get credit for setting up, or handing out water bottles, etc., but not for asking for donations or running.)
- 3. Working for a family based business without pay.

Options for Community Service include but are not limited to the following:

Humane Society Museums Habitat for Humanity Parks/Recreation Center

Police Station Senior Citizen Homes Fire Station Hospitals

Religious Institutions (Church, Mosque, Synagogue, Temple)

Libraries

Tournament of Roses/Float Decoration

Guidelines for Verification Forms

- 1. A supervisor from the organization of service must be able to verify the hours completed with a signature and business card. Parents and students may not sign as a supervisor on the verification form.
- 2. The verification form needs to be completed by the student and turned in to their counselor within one calendar month from the last day of service. Students can keep track of on-going Community Service hours on a monthly basis by using the Community Service timesheet available on the PUSD website via the Counseling link.
- 3. Students are encouraged to complete their Community Service hours during the summer months and turn in their verification forms in September.
- 4. Complete page 2 with details of your activities.

Please see your school counselor for questions regarding Community Service

STUDENT WORK-BASED-LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM



(Used for Multiple Date Entries for Individual Students)

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Appearance & Grooming		0	0	0	0	0
Attitude & Cooperation		0	0	0	0	0
Initiative & Self Direction		0	0	0	0	0
Quality of Work		0	0	0	0	0
Additional Comments: Supervisor's Name:		Supervisor	's Email:	l	Supervisor	's Phone:
Supervisor's Signature: Please attach Business card		d.				
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Submit this complete	d form to your Coun	selor and kee	p a copy for	your records.		For Office Use Only Date Received:

*All submitted documents will be verified. Information that is falsified will result in student hours being voided.

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Verified by:				
Approved: 🗌 Yes 🔲 No				