

Community Service Hours

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One important purpose of the social studies education is to prepare students to participate in their community. This class requires students to complete 10 community service hours in order to provide students an authentic and valuable service learning experience that will translate to college and the workplace.

What is Community Service?

Simply defined as, “a service that is performed for the benefit of the public or its institutions” without expectation of compensation. Students may not personally benefit from the service including court ordered penalty and fund raising activities for student clubs.

Hourly Requirement

World History – 5 hours minimum

American History – 10 hours minimum

Government/Economics – 15 hours minimum

Form Needed

All students must submit their hours on the Community Service Log provided in class. Any other form or document will not be accepted.

Limits on Service (See Chart Below)

Community Service Chart (Sample)

Activity	Maximum Hours Allowable
Blood Drives	4 (2 per event)
Race for the Cure, Walks, etc.	2
Donated Items to Charities/Food Drives, etc.	2 (per donation event)
On Campus Activities (cleanup, teacher aides, sports camps, etc.)	3
Off Campus Service (Soup kitchens, non-profit organizations, etc.)	Unlimited
Religious Activities (member services)	2
Other (Teacher discretion)	TBD

***All activities must be approved PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF HOURS or they may not be counted.**

***Student activities done on campus must NOT be for means of punishment.**

For Ms. Cole’s US History class

Students will be expected to complete a minimum of 5 hours for each semester. Additional hours may be done for extra credit, up to 2 additional hours each semester for an added 10 points.

Students need to provide the assigned Community Service Log with signatures from the organizations they worked for. If donations are made for community service, students should take a picture of the items donated and then bring in the donation receipt (ex. Good Will) and attach it to the Log. If items are donated to school drives (food drive, Fill-A-Need), students may bring the donations directly to Ms. Cole for verification, or have the teacher collecting email Ms. Cole with the amount donated. Students must have Ms. Cole sign their Log to record their donation.