

PTSA SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR SKYLINE STUDENTS

What are Community Volunteer Service Hours?

Community Volunteer Service Hours are hours spent performing services without pay or other compensation (except recognition and appreciation) for the good of an individual, agency, the community or society.

Why Should I Volunteer My Time?

Volunteerism provides many benefits for the community and the student, especially if you are truly interested in the organization or cause for which you are volunteering.

- To explore different career fields.
- To gain valuable contact for future job or internship opportunities.
- To provide colleges a student's volunteer service record.
- To meet requirements for many scholarships.
- To learn new skills or enhance skills in your area of interest.
- To be recognized at Senior graduation with a service cord (volunteer 100 or more hours). **PTSA purchases the Cords for students who qualify.**

What Counts for Community Service?

To be recorded, your volunteer hours must fit the definition above and also meet the following criteria:

- Hours should be performed outside of school time.
- Hours must be within your time in the leadership class.
- Hours must be authorized (initialed or signed, or a written letter) by a supervisor of the program. NOT A PARENT
- Hours worked for other school groups (International Baccalaureate (IB), National Honor Society, Key Club and DECA) do count, as long as they meet all other criteria. Hours for class credit: Health, Sports Medicine and Music do not count.
- Only actual working hours count: travel and sleep hours do not count.
- Fundraising, Rehearsal hours and Planning/ Meetings do not count.
- Hours worked as a result of Traffic Court do not count.
- Interning/Job Shadowing do not count.

Deadline

January 17th will be the last day to turn in your completed form (10 hours). Turn your form to your teacher at the beginning of class.

- Students can get their forms back on January 24th if they would like to also use them for the PTSA hours
- **MAKE A COPY of the form for your own records before you turn it in**