

Gervais High School



Community Service

In order to help each Gervais High School student develop an increased sense of social responsibility, develop a heart for giving back to the community and helping others, and practice applying academic learning to real human needs, all Gervais High School students will be expected to complete community service annually. In the senior year completion of this requirement will be required prior to June 1st of the year of graduation. (In the case of anyone applying for early graduation the requirements must be met at least one week prior to completion).

Requirement

For school year 2019-20, and all subsequent years, the required hours will be:

Freshman – 20 hours

Sophomores – 30 hours

Juniors – 30 hours

Seniors – 40 hours

Community service could include:

- volunteering on any school campus in any district (tutoring, mentoring, providing support for an event like the Doernbecher Pageant, being a team manager, assisting a custodian, attending a club meeting, etc.).
- volunteering at a community or church event (nursery duty, mentoring youth, volunteering to help at the Gervais 4th of July activities, or the annual Gervais Clean-Up day, or the annual Latino 3 on 3 Tournament, etc.).
- attending club meetings
- working at a club or group fundraiser (GHS concession stand, Bauman Farms, class car wash, etc.) where the group earns money, but the individual does not.
- any activity approved by a GHS administrator, preferably before an event.

Community service would not include:

- an activity for which a student is paid or receives some tangible, individual benefit (see below for an exception)
- an activity for which a student receives high school or college credit
- an activity completed for your own family

Tracking

Community service hours will be tracked by a student's Advisory teacher.

Upon completion of community service a student should provide a signed note by the activity's sponsor verifying that student's participation and indicating how many hours are to be credited.

Should the number of community service hours not be fulfilled in any given year then the missing number of hours will added to the next year's total. For example, if a freshman student, needing 20 hours of community service only verified 5 hours then he/she would be short 15 hours. These hours would be added to the sophomore requirement of 30 hours resulting

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in a requirement of 45 community service hours (30 + 15) as a sophomore. Hours can continue to roll-over until the senior year when all requirements must be fulfilled by June 1st.

Students may 'bank' 10 extra community service hours per year. For example, if a freshman completed 30 hours, but only needed 20 for the year, then the extra 10 hours could be counted toward the sophomore year.

The goal is to spread the community service requirements out over the high school years hoping that community service will become a lifestyle choice, not just a one-time activity.

Miscellaneous

Service hours will be credited for services rendered to the community, like to your neighbors. We hope that you will be able to serve your family as well, but those hours will not count toward this requirement.

A student with a paying **job** may be credited with 10 hours of community service per year if he/she provides school authorities with pay stubs totaling at least 40 hours, a signed note from his/her boss verifying employment, and a signed note from a parent/guardian indicating that the employment was for the good of the family. This must be done by June 1st of any school year.

A student participating in a **sport** may be credited with 10 hours of community service per year if he/she provides school authorities with a signed note from his/her coach verifying participation. This must be done by June 1 of any school year.

A student participating as an **officer** for a class, club or ASB may be credited with an additional 10 hours of community service per year, beyond the 10 hours earned for being an involved club member. This must be done by June 1st of any school year.

Students unsure whether an activity counts toward his/her community service hours may ask a GHS administrator for confirmation.

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