

Community Service Requirement

Community service is a graduation requirement for all Lake Orion Baptist School students. The integration of community service into the curriculum helps accomplish several goals that extend beyond the classroom. Students have the opportunity to impact their neighbors and community by applying the biblical principles of servant-leadership. By using the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in real-life situations, students grow in their ability to interact with individuals and organizations within the community. Seeking to provide service to others helps students learn to be selfless and to effectively shine the light of the gospel to a dark world.

Students in grades 9-12 will be required to have a minimum of 10 hours of community service per year or partial year that they attend Lake Orion Baptist School. Any hours over and above the requirement in any given year may not be transferred to the following school year. Summer service hours may be applied to either the previous or upcoming school year.

Guidelines for Community Service

- Because most LOBS students already participate in regularly scheduled ministry opportunities within the local church (children's church, choir/orchestra, nursery, etc.), students must complete their community service hours in ways that place an emphasis on impacting the community. Church-sponsored activities such as Adopt-a-Road clean up, food banks, and blood drives would qualify as community service.
- Students may not work for a business to earn community service hours.
- Students may not volunteer for family members for hours.
- Students may assist senior citizens, disabled individuals, or special needs persons other than relatives.
- Student's volunteer hours must benefit the community, not a business.
- Students may volunteer at non-profit clubs and organizations or for not-for-profit events. Students must keep in mind that "non-profit" does not simply mean "not getting paid." Working at a business and not getting paid is not acceptable for community service hours.
- Students may not submit hours for service done for another organization's requirement.
- Students who volunteer during the summer following their 8th grade year may apply the hours toward the high school graduation requirement.
- Students are not limited in the number of hours served per site; however, service hours must be completed from at least 3-5 different sites.
- Incomplete Community Service forms will not be accepted.

Requirements for Graduation

- Complete 40 hours at approved locations or activities (3-5 different sites required).
- Complete Community Service Form for each volunteer site served.
- Submit hours no more than 60 days following the completion of the activity. Hours completed over the summer must be submitted no later than September 30th.

Ways to Earn Community Service Hours:

- Regularly Schedule Times: Student commits to volunteer a specified number of service hours over a predetermined period of time. For example, every Tuesday from 4:00-6:00pm.
- Special Events: Student makes a commitment to volunteer with an organization holding a one or two-day event to benefit the community, such as a fair for kids, a walk for charity, or a blood drive.
- Student-Developed Service Projects: A student-generated idea to help a specific organization or group of people. Each project must have the approval of the administration prior to implementation.
- Classroom-Based Service Projects: A service project linked to the curriculum of a class and completed during class time.



Community Service Form

Student Information

Student Name _____ Today's Date _____

Current Grade _____

*Please note: Summer service hours may be applied toward either the previous or upcoming school year. In these cases, please put the grade the hours will be applied toward.

All hours completed during the school year need to be turned in **no more than 60 days following** the completion of the activity. Hours completed during summer vacation must be turned in **no later than September 30th** of the following fall.

Site Information

Volunteer Site _____ Date(s) of Service _____

Description of Activities: _____

For what person or group: _____

Total # Hours: _____

Sponsor/Supervisor Signature: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone # _____

Reflection

Attention Seniors: All community service forms must be received by the school office **no later than April 30 of the senior year** in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

The following must be completed in order for service hours to be accepted.

1. Describe your typical day at this agency/site. What activities did you assist with?
2. What skills or knowledge were needed to perform your service? Did you learn any new skills?
3. Describe how you feel the community benefited from your service. Did the service you performed impact your life? How?

Student Signature _____ Date _____