



Evangelical Christian School Community Service Guidelines Grades 6 - 8

Community service is a part of the Bible class requirement for all ECS Middle School students. The goal of requiring students to participate in community service is four-fold:

- To assist the student to learn to look for opportunities to reach out and share the love of Jesus through acts of service
- To help the student discover the joy of a caring and compassionate heart
- To motivate the student to serve their community
- To aid the student in building the routine of acquiring community service hours for their high school transcript which will benefit them when applying for college scholarships

Students in grades 6-8 are required to turn in to their Bible teacher the following amount of community service hours each quarter for a test grade.

- 6th grade - 3 service hours per quarter
- 7th grade - 4 service hours per quarter
- 8th grade - 5 service hours per quarter

Service projects must be served with a community or charitable organization (i.e. church, school, hospital, animal shelter, soup kitchen, etc.). Service hours performed during the summer may be used for the coming school year.

Guidelines:

1. The service must be performed for a community or charitable organization.
2. The student cannot receive payment for this service.
3. No service projects may be completed during school hours unless approved by administration.
4. Projects must be pre-approved by the Bible teacher. A project completed without pre-approval of the Bible teacher may be rejected without recourse.
5. Approved service examples:
 - a. Church related activities that do not occur during regular service times (i.e. visitation, evangelism, cleaning, etc.) If there are two services, the student



- may attend one service and serve in the other (teacher's aid, video/sound tech, etc.)
- b. Volunteer at a hospital, nursing home, orphanage, soup kitchen, or any charitable organization
 - c. Teacher's helper before or after school
 - d. School related activities like mentoring, tutoring, assisting with sports programs or camps
 - e. Heart Association, Right to Life, Cancer Society, etc. walks/runs, or any fundraiser for a charitable cause
 - f. Mission's trip work hours that occur outside of school hours (must submit a written summary of the work done and the hours contributed)
 - g. Manual labor for any charitable organization (ie. Habitat for Humanity)
6. Unacceptable service examples: Leadership trips, singing in choirs, attending events, baby sitting, chores for a neighbor, giving a friend a ride, involvement in the school musical, animal sitting, house sitting, tasks done for family, etc.

Due Dates are one week prior to the last day of each quarter. Bible teachers can answer any questions and are the final authority on accepting the service hours.