

# Oakhill Service Learning Requirements

## 2009-2010 school year

Now that we have a full middle school (hooray!) our service learning requirements will change somewhat. First, we want to define the difference between **Community Service** and **Service Learning**. Community Service is defined as helping one's neighborhood, school, and close community. This would include helping at Oakhill, mowing a neighbor's grass, or working at your local church. Service Learning is defined as helping one's larger community and those in need, working towards a greater good. Opportunities would include volunteering at a soup kitchen, working at a local food bank, or building homes for the homeless.

Each grade will have a certain number of hours allowed for Community Service and Service Learning. As students grow older, they will be expected to turn in more Service Learning hours than Community Service hours, and eighth graders will have no Community Service hours at all. Instead, they will be partnering with an organization for the year, and half of their hours will be from that partnership. This will provide them with an opportunity to truly see how their volunteering makes a difference to others, and is one of the aspects looked at upon entrance into high school. Students are allowed to begin their hours over the summer, but please read over the requirements carefully, since students aren't allowed to complete all of their hours over break.

All grade levels will be expected to fill out their hours on the form provided in this mailing and on-line. **No other form will be allowed-no exceptions!** If this form is misplaced, missing or not filled out completely, those hours will NOT be counted. Please keep this in mind, as this has changed from last year! Additionally, if students have decided to try for the Presidential Service Award, they will use the "Record of Service" form to keep track of their hours in addition to the Oakhill form. Both forms may be turned in at the beginning of the school year for summer hours. All hours are due by May1st, 2010. **Hours will not be accepted after that date!**

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:

- 10 hours (total) required
- 5 hours of Community Service, 5 hours of Service Learning
- Students may complete 5 hours of service (total) over the summer

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:

- 15 hours (total) required

- 5 hours of Community Service, 10 hours of Service Learning
- Students may complete 5 hours of service (total) over the summer

**7<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:**

- 20 hours (total) required
- 5 hours of Community Service, 10 hours of Service Learning
- Students may complete 5 hours of service (total) over the summer

**8<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:**

- 25 hours (total) required
- NO Community Service hours allowed; 12 hours of Service Learning, 13 hours of Partnership hours (organization to be announced in the fall)
- Students may complete 10 hours over Service Learning hours ONLY over the summer

If a student did not complete all of their hours by the end of this school year, the hours remaining will be attached to those for the next year. **Fulfillment of hours is a requirement for graduation!**

Sincerely,

Mr. Harris  
2009-2010 Service Learning Sponsor

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[Middle School Service Learning Hours Form](#)

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