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***AVID Community Service Requirements***

Part of SJHHS AVID requirements is for students to complete 30 hours of community service per semester. This is because AVID is looking to create leaders on/off campus, role models in the community, and great college candidates. We will be checking each students Community Service CS log 3 times a semester to ensure that students are on track. If students are planning to do CS later, then they need to make arrangements with their AVID teacher and get it approved. AVID offers tons of CS opportunities but students can also serve through other groups, churches, organizations, etc. as long as they get their CS log signed/dated by a representative/supervisor.

***COMMUNITY SERVICE SPRING DEADLINES:***

1ST 10 HRS – BY **Thursday, February 23rd,2018**

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**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 100 pts**

2ND 10 HRS - BY **Friday, April 20th, 2018**



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**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 100 pts**

3RD 10 HRS – BY **Friday, May 25th, 2018**

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 100 pts + 40 pts for reflection**

Each student will also be required to do a Community Service Reflection describing their experience. This is to help prepare students for College and Scholarship applications and also to have evidence for audits since 5-10 % of College applications are audited every year.

**CS Reflections need to be typed and are due at the end of the semester. (40 pts.).**

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world;*

*indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*

*- Margaret Mead*

**Community Service Information Sheet**

**Defined:**

“Community service is performed by someone or a group of people for the benefit of the public or its institutions. Performing community service is not the same as volunteering, since it is not always done voluntarily. It may be done for a variety of reasons:

* governments may require it as a part of citizenship requirements, typically in lieu of military service;
* courts may demand it in lieu of, or in addition to, other criminal justice sanctions;
* school may mandate it to meet the requirements of a class, such as in the case of service-learning or to meet the requirements of graduation.

If a student in high school is taking an AVID course, community service is needed (Wikipedia)”.

**Why**:

“Community service also allows those participating to reflect on the difference they are making in society. Some participants of a community service project may find themselves gaining a greater understanding of their roles in the community, as well as the impact of their contributions towards those in need of service. Because community service outlets vary, those who serve are exposed to many different kinds of people, environments, and situations (Wikipedia)”.

**What is Community Service? And What is Not?**

**Community Service is…**

* Volunteering your time for a non-profit enterprise.  ***You must not be paid in any form***, although you may accept a meal or a snack while volunteering.
* Time spent volunteering for other organizations such as BBBS, Boy/Girl Scouts, or NHS, etc - but **not** time spent at meetings for those organizations.
* Extra time spent as AVID officers.  These are a **one-time**, per semester count (do not add extra time to each meeting).

*President: 3 hours, Vice President: 3 hours, Secretary: 2 hours, Historian: 2 hours, Representatives: 2 hours*

**At School:**

* Helping paint or build sets, set up chairs, etc. for a school play counts outside of class requirements
  + But performing in the play does not count
* Helping a teacher (even if the teacher is related to Member) set up their classroom for the year during non-school time (lunch, after school, or free period) counts
  + But helping the teacher during class does not count
* Student Leadership (ASB, ELAC, PTSA) service during non-class time counts
  + But class time for those roles does not count
* Tutoring another student during non-class time counts
  + But tutoring a sibling or relative does not count
* School club time, such as AVID, Make a Wish, Interact, HCC, etc. count
  + But non-community service clubs, such as ping pong, Frisbee, and surf clubs, do not count
* Performing with your school’s cheer/pep/dance/band/choir for senior citizens and/or disadvantaged groups count
  + But regular performances and rehearsals do not count
* Performing community service for school based organizations or clubs such as ASB and Honor Society which require community service as a part of their mission counts
  + But performing required service as a Member's duties of being on a team do not count

**For Sports:**

* Refereeing or coaching/assisting, and training/setup as a sports volunteer for a non-profit or school counts
  + But practicing, playing, and fundraising for a sport does not count

**For Performing:**

* Performing for a disadvantaged group (disabled, senior citizens home) counts
  + But practicing/rehearsals for that performance or performances at school does not count

**At Home/Neighborhood:**

* Helping a neighbor who is elderly or handicapped with household chores (cleaning out their garage, gardening, repairing their home, etc.) counts
  + But helping anyone in your family or an able-bodied friend/neighbor with a chore does not count
  + Babysitting does not count, even if you don’t get paid.

**At Places of Worship:**

* Helping plant a garden, hand out programs outside of a building, or babysitting while parents attend the service counts
  + But singing/playing an instrument or participating in the service (or anything inside of the place of worship) does not count
* Community service during school breaks or vacations count
  + But sleeping and eating time does not count. (Use best judgment)
* Vacation church camp volunteering counts
  + But teaching religious principles, preaching, and/or service within the place of worship does not count

**In the Community:**

* Helping at voter registration or a polling place counts
  + But helping a candidate or a cause does not count
* Volunteering to help set up, organize, hand out pamphlets, hand out water, etc…for non-profits count
  + But the actual fundraising as a separate effort does not count
* Volunteering at a hospital or animal shelter counts
  + But working at a doctor or veterinarian’s office does not count
* Volunteering at either the school library or town library count
* Training for first aid or CPR
  + But not if it is required for a paid job

**If you have any questions about your Community Service activity,**

**please ask your AVID teacher prior to event!!**