

HS Service Hour Requirements

Requirements: Service hours are an integral part of the San Antonio Christian High School. We require a minimum of 24 hours of service to a non-profit or Christian organization per academic year. Students may obtain a Service Hour form in the Student Services office or it can be downloaded from our website.

Description: Community service is defined as giving of one's time to improve the quality of life for community residents in need, particularly low-income individuals in such fields as health care, child care, literacy training, education (including tutorial services, housing and neighborhood improvement, public safety, crime prevention and control, community improvement, as well as service in the ministry at your local church.

Community service hours are required for all high school students as follows:

- High school students (9-12) – minimum of 24 hours per academic year. 96 total required for graduation.
- Beginning each summer in June, students may earn community service hours for the upcoming school year. All summer hours must be properly documented and may be used to meet the first quarter service activity.
- Of the twenty-four (24) hours required per academic year, only twelve (12) of these required hours may be earned on the SACS campus.
- The Jr/Sr Banquet is held in the spring. Juniors are required to assist with the Jr/Sr Banquet. Juniors will receive service hours through their service on the Banquet. No matter the number of hours served, only 6 hours from the banquet will be counted towards the annual 24-hour requirement.

Community service cannot be:

- Lobbying or political fundraising
- Efforts directed to serve only a family member
- Direct fundraising activities
- Babysitting for pay
- Working for a for-profit company without pay
- Mowing a neighbor's yard for pay
- Participating in a community event
- Tutoring other students for pay

Questions about meeting service requirements or whether service fits the guidelines should be directed to the Student Services office. When in doubt, students should first check with the office before performing the service. Forms are submitted directly to the Student Services office.

Reporting Service Hours: Community Service Report forms are available on our website and in the office. Volunteer supervisors who sign forms must be from non-profit agencies or from individuals who directly received service and cannot be relatives of students submitting the forms.

SACS Volunteer Service Awards: All students are encouraged to earn SACS Volunteer Service Awards by completing over 100 hours in a calendar year:

- 100-174 for a bronze award
- 175-249 for silver award
- 250+ hours for a gold award