

## Community and Service at J.N. Fries Magnet School Middle Years Programme



### Philosophy

The Community and Service component aims to develop:

- Responsible active citizens who understand the world around them
- An understanding of how we live in relation to others
- A sensitivity to the needs of our community
- A willingness to respond to the needs of others

Helping others and becoming an active member in the community will allow students to develop character and discover their role in society. Community and Service is one of the five areas of interaction in the Middle Years Program and is a key component in each student's academic journey and discovery of self.

### Requirements

Each student is required to complete community service and document all hours of service. Students must include the sponsor's signature and phone number on the log sheet for each activity completed. Sixth grade students are required to complete a total of 12 service hours, seventh grade students are required to complete a total of 16 service hours, and eighth grade students are required to complete a total of 20 service hours. These are the minimum requirements. Students are encouraged to earn more than the minimum number of hours and to document all service.

### Due Dates/Hours Due

Complete the minimum required hours by each due date. Please plan ahead as these deadline are strict. Turn in your log sheet (signed by the activity sponsor) to the homeroom teacher on or before the deadline each quarter. Students may complete only their first quarter hours during the previous summer. In an effort to preserve the integrity of the program, please try to vary your service activities. Students are encouraged to use the summer to explore different avenues of community service in which to participate in throughout the school year.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Hours	3	3	3	3
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Hours	4	4	4	4
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Hours	5	5	5	5

What is considered service?	What is not considered service?
<p>Activities that assist individuals who cannot otherwise provide for themselves.</p> <p>Tutoring at a community center.</p> <p>Working at a soup kitchen or food pantry.</p> <p>Volunteering at an assisted living facility.</p> <p>Participating in a charity fund raiser.</p> <p>Volunteering at an animal shelter.</p> <p>Organized community clean-up.</p>	<p>Assisting a family member.</p> <p>Activities you would normally participate in (band concert, dance recital, choral competition, athletics).</p> <p>Activities in which you or another individual are financially rewarded.</p> <p>Personal yard or house clean-up.</p> <p>Repetitive activities which you are not interacting with community members (stuffing envelopes, shelving books)</p>

Please check the bulletin board and website regularly for community service ideas.