



Mexico Central School District
Mexico, NY 13114

CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Student Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Student Phone Number: _____

Twenty Hours of community service is a mandatory requirement for graduation from Mexico Academy and Central Schools. For a complete explanation of the community service requirement, please refer to your graduation class requirements in the Mexico Student Handbook.

Please note that community service must be performed for a **not for profit organization**. Students should receive prior authorization from the Assistant Principal or designee before performing the community service if they are unsure if the organization qualifies. There are examples of qualifying organizations listed on the back of this form.

Community Service provider & Evaluation Report:

Community Service Provider Name: _____

Name of person to contact at the organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Description of community service: _____

Total hours completed by student: _____ Date(s): _____

Service was performed and completed to my satisfaction/expectation.

Signature of community service provider Date

Student Report: What do you feel you have learned from this particular volunteer experience?

I certify that I have performed community service with the above-mentioned organization. I also certify that this is a **non-profit organization** and that I will not be or have not been paid for any services of labor that I have provided.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assistant Principals Signature: _____ Date: _____



MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

The Board of Education of Mexico Academy & Central Schools believes that community service is a vital component in helping students to become responsible citizens.

Students who start 9th grade at Mexico High School must complete a minimum of 20 hours of Community Service as a graduation prerequisite.

(This requirement will be prorated for students who enter high school after 9th grade.)

Definition of Community Service:

Community Service is time and effort that is done without payment of money, grades, and/or services.

Community Service:

- Provides students with the opportunity to share their talent and abilities with others
- Fosters a partnership between the school and the community
- Helps students understand their responsibilities as members of the community
- Improves self esteem
- Cultivates the development of a sense of compassion
- Engages students in real life experiences

Procedure:

Students may begin to earn Community Service hours at the beginning of the year they enter Mexico High School. Students should receive **prior authorization** before performing Community Service, if the student is unsure if the organization qualifies as community service. All hours must be submitted for approval on the proper form and must have all necessary signatures. The high school administration or designee will give final approval of Community Service hours.

Community Service hours will be tallied by the high school administration each year and will be posted outside the Assistant Principals office. The high school administration will notify seniors of accumulated hours periodically throughout the year. Please feel free to contact the Assistant Principals office, at 963-8400, X5316 with any questions or concerns.

Community Service cannot be done for:

- Family or relatives
- Neighbors
- An employer
- Private Business, any for profit organization
- School or ancillary organizations where belonging to the organization requires the donation of time, effort and/or service.

Community Service must be done for a:

- **Non-profit organization**
- Governmental or Educational Program
- Religious organization if non-proselytizing in nature (non missionary)

List of Possible Volunteer Activities:

American Heart or Lung Associations
American Red Cross
Boy/Girl Scouts
BPO Elks/Moose Club
Kidney Foundation of CNY
Leukemia Society of America
Lions Club
Literacy Volunteers
Lupus Foundation of America
MACS District Office (Newsletter mailing)
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Meals on Wheels
Mexico Care and Share Shop or Mexico Food Pantry
Mexico, New Haven & Palermo Elementary Schools
Mexico Middle & High Schools
Mexico Sports Booster Club
Multiple Sclerosis Upstate NY Chapter
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Rescue Mission
Salvation Army
SPCA
Special Olympics
The Tutoring Center
United Way
Vera House
Village/Town-Mexico, New Haven, Palermo
Volunteer Center, Inc.
Youth Sports Groups – Little League, Pop Warner