

## **Lemon Bay High School Community Service Guidelines**

Community Service has developed as a culture at Lemon Bay High School. It is not a graduation requirement.

All community service activities must be pre-approved by Mrs. Dailey. Please check the list of pre-approved sites to get started.

Not all volunteering "counts" as community service. The activity must "serve the community" at large, thus, volunteering to mow a neighbor's lawn, provide classroom assistance (unless the student has been selected as a senior TA) or help a parent in the workplace are not considered community service. In addition, court-ordered community service is not accepted.

School service also counts toward total community service hours.

Community service hours may be earned by students once 8<sup>th</sup> grade has ended each year.

To earn a cord to wear at graduation, students must earn 150 hours (Silver Cord) or at least 250 hours (Gold Cord) no later than 2:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of March of their senior year.

After volunteering, a documentation form must be completed and signed by the student, his or her parent and the community service contact person. This form is then submitted to the Career Resource Center to be included in FOCUS.

Students and parents are encouraged to check the status of their hours in the Career Resource Center or by logging into FOCUS, clicking on 'demographics' then choosing the GRADUATION tab.

When students are helping with performances of any kind in the community or for school, they may count performance hours only. Rehearsal/practice time does not count toward community service.

Many school service clubs offer great opportunities for students to earn community service hours. Student are encouraged to get involved.