

VOLUNTEER HOURS INFORMATION FOR DOCUMENTATION

You are required to complete 25 volunteer hours to maintain standing in NJHS/NHS. This is their standards. You must have at LEAST 2 hours in EACH of the four criterion categories for NJHS/NHS; the remaining 17 hours can fall into any category you choose. These are Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. You must complete 15 hours for Honors Academy if you are not in NJHS/NHS. You cannot get payment or a grade for anything counted as volunteer hours. You also cannot get hours for assisting at home or for a family member. This is an obligation for which you are responsible for completing, not a volunteer service. Participation in sports or as a sports-team manager does not count either UNLESS you are coaching a little league team. If you have questions about how to categorize or if something counts, please contact me.

Suggestions for each Category:

Scholarship: Reading buddies, tutoring, working in lower school classrooms, working for an institution that has a primary purpose of furthering education, some mission work, teaching younger children in church

Service: working for an organization or neighbor, school service days, partnerships with schools days, some mission work, almost anything that does not count in another category

Leadership: leading a group in school, church, or the community, serving in a position within an organization, worship ministry, discipleship, some mission work

Character/Citizenship: serving in spreading information for a community center/service, civic participation assistance, patriotic contributions, serving in community organizations (library, museums, retirement homes, etc.), community clean-up

If you are in the Honors Academy (upper school students only), the 15 hours you are required to complete for FBA can double-up for NHS.

As opportunities come to my attention, I will forward that information to you on the Classroom page. You should seek out opportunities that interest you. DOCUMENT every hour you serve; don't just shoot for the minimum. I cannot emphasize enough that it is SERVICE to others that wins scholarships and recognition to help you meet your goals.

Please feel free to email with any questions.

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