



Serving Our Communities

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Goals of the Community Service program at FASNY:

- To make students aware of the needs of the people in our communities
- To make students better citizens by having them help those in need in whatever way they can

Program Requirements

Middle School

- **Grade 6:** Ten hours must be completed during the school year. Signed sheets need to be submitted by the Monday following the Spring Fair/Kermesse. Any hours completed after this date will be logged as credit for grade 7.
- **Grades 7 and 8:** Ten hours must be completed within the 12-month period beginning May 1 through the following April 30. Any hours completed after this date will be logged as credit for the following school year.

Note: Incomplete hours for middle school students will be noted on the student's final report card, and this will have a bearing on the final judgment of the *Conseil de classe* with respect to the attribution of "Merit."

High School

Fifty hours of community service must be completed over the course of a student's high school years in order for the student to graduate. All hours must be completed by April 30 to be logged as credit for that particular academic year.

- **Grades 9-11:** Hours completed after April 30 will be logged as credit for the following academic year.
- **Grade 12:** Failure to complete the required hours before April 30 could result in a student not receiving a FASNY high school diploma at the graduation ceremony.

Note: Hours are pro-rated according to when a student entered the high school at FASNY.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award for High School Students

Students who complete 100 or more hours of service within a 12-month period qualify to receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. In order for the school to send the



application, the hours need to be completed during the previous school year, between May 1 and the following April 30. If a student completed 100 hours from, for example, January to January or September to September, s/he will have to bring back copies of the signed community service sheets for that period to Mrs. Giordano. Please note that our system allows us to compute only those hours submitted from May 1 to the following April 30.

Program Services

In-school service: That which benefits the students, teachers, and parents of FASNY directly. No more than five in-school community service hours per year can count towards the required hours.

Outside service: That which benefits people in communities outside our school.

Help that does not count: Any work that a student gets paid for, babysitting for people who can afford to pay a sitter, and any help in school that lasts less than 15 minutes, such as setting up chairs.

Find out about activities by referring to the Community Service bulletin board in the Village cafeteria or the volunteer opportunities box on the school's website, or visit Mrs. Giordano's office. We also encourage students to look for opportunities on their own.

Program Guidelines

Students **must** fill out a Community Service sheet to be returned to Mrs. Giordano's office. Sheets are available in Mrs. Giordano's office and online. Completed hours will be logged on the student's report card.

When signing up for a community-service activity, one makes a promise to show up and stay for the entire time. Students who cannot keep their promise because of other commitments must notify Mrs. Giordano or the organizer of the activity and try to find someone to take their place. Please be considerate and respectful by keeping your promise.

Parents: Please sign below to let us know that you have read this information and discussed it with your child.

Child's name _____

Grade _____

Parent's/guardian's signature _____