

Dear Ursuline Community,

With the Boston-area entering a “new normal” post-pandemic way of life, Ursuline is happy to announce that our Community Service program will be returning to “normal” (ie: pre-March 2020). It is my hope that this document will help you plan your summer and upcoming school year. I have tried to anticipate your questions in the FAQ below.

As always, please feel free to reach out with specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many hours am I required to complete?

Grade	Focus	Minimum # Focus Hours	Maximum # Hours allowed at U.A.	Minimum Total # Hours required
7	Elderly	5	10	30
8	Education & Literacy	5	10	30
9	Individuals with Special Needs (mentally & physically handicapped: autism, Downs Syndrome, cerebral palsy, MA, blind, deaf, etc)	5	5	30
10	Hunger, Poverty, Homelessness	5	5	40
11	Environmental Ethics (restoring/preserving natural environment, sustainable gardens, decrease carbon footprint, etc)	5	5	40
12	Senior SERVIAM Project		5	100

2. Are these hours for the full year, or by quarter?

- We are returning to full-year requirements!
- That means that you do not need to complete a minimum number of hours each quarter, but that also means that you have to pace yourself throughout the year.
- Any service you complete during Summer 2021 will count for your hours for School Year 2021-2022.

3. I'm confused- what do the different columns mean on the above chart?

- “Focus” - This is your grade-level area of focus for service hours.
- “Minimum # Focus Hours” - Each student is required to complete *at least* 5 hours of service during the year that is directly serving her grade-level focus area.
 - Ie: A 10th grade student needs to complete at least 5 hours of service service agencies or those who suffer from hunger, poverty, or homelessness
 - This is a minimum, you can always do more than 5 hours!
- “Maximum # Hours allowed at U.A.” - Many students enjoy serving our U.A. community in a variety of ways. That is still allowed, but only 5-10 hours (depending on your grade) can count towards your community service requirements.
 - What are service hours at U.A.?
 - Examples include: volunteering at Open House or a New Student welcome event, delivering acceptance boxes, helping set-up for a major event
 - Things that DO NOT count: helping a teacher in his/her classroom, completing tasks that are expected of all community members (ie: picking up trash, etc), things done as a part of a club.
- “Minimum Total # Hours required” - This is your focus hours + U.A. hours + any other hours. That means, if you complete 5 focus hours and 5 hours at U.A., you must also complete 20-30 hours doing other service activities.

4. Will after school trips be offered again?

- Yes! We will be bringing back monthly after school service opportunities. These trips will be open to students in all grades. Campus Ministry will have a schedule when we return in September.
- We are also working to bring back the Camden Service trip in February 2022 (25 hours) and the Bethlehem Farms trip in June 2022 (40 hours).

5. Will Campus Ministry help me find opportunities throughout the year?

- Of course we will! You are always welcome to stop in the office to discuss opportunities and ideas that you might have.

6. What counts (or doesn't count) for service?

- Please see the chart below. This chart does not have every possible idea. If you have any concerns about your project counting, please make sure that you *check with Campus Ministry first!*

Allowed	Not Allowed
Help given to those who cannot afford to pay for the service	Since we expect that our students are already generously serving their families & neighbors, service hours to family members & neighbors are ordinarily not accepted.

Help given which directly benefits people, especially those in need	Babysitting
Leading a retreat (maximum 8 hours for a full day)	Clerical/"Resume" work at any site (ie: filing, helping a teacher prepare materials for a project, being a CIT, helping with dance classes)
Non-profit camps that directly help a community/population in need	Activities done as fundraisers within the school day
Liturgical ministries (altar serving, Eucharistic ministers, choir, lectoring)	Preparation & delivery of foods/goods to individuals or agencies (ie: collecting food for a food pantry)
Teaching CCD	Volunteering at a family member's workplace or for family members
	Peer Tutoring
	Internships of any kind
	Fundraising
	Activities done as a part of a school club
	Activities completed within the school day
	Open House/event at another school
	Attending workshops/conferences

7. Will participating in walks count for service?

- Maybe. Please make sure that you check with Campus Ministry first about the details of the walk and the organization.

8. How will we track my hours?

- We will continue to use x2VOL.
- Don't forget that the person verifying your hours cannot be your parent or yourself! (We were very relaxed with this during the pandemic.)
- Submitting pictures will no longer count as "proof" of your service being completed- but we always love receiving pictures of your service projects!