

# Lend A Hand

## A High School Guide to Service-Learning Hours

### Facts You Need To Know:

Service-Learning is a teaching method that combines service to the community with curriculum-based learning. Students improve their academic skills by applying what they learn in school to the real world. Service-learning helps students to become active, engaged citizens.

- The Service-Learning Graduation Requirement is a State requirement for all MD Students beginning with the class of 1997.

Students must complete a total of **75 hours** to graduate high school – Service-Learning hours are reported on each report card and can also be viewed through the eSchoolPlus+ Home Access Center under Test Scores.

- Students must earn a minimum of **55 hours** by the end of the **eleventh grade** in order to be promoted to Senior status.
- **Non – Public and Out of State Transfer Students** transferring into Carroll County Public Schools after the start of their sophomore year will have their hours pro-rated on the following scale:

Sophomore year: Must earn 40 hours / Receives 35 pro-rated hours

Junior year: Must earn 30 hours / Receives 45 pro-rated hours

First semester senior year: Must earn 10 hours / Receives 65 pro-rated hours

Second semester senior year: Must earn 5 hours / Receives 70 pro-rated hours

\*Any of these students that have completed service-learning through their other schools; can submit those hours for processing.

- Students must complete a Service-Learning Reflection Form and return it to the school-based Service-Learning Coordinator within one year from the date the service is performed – forms are available at each middle and high schools as well as on the Carroll County Public School website:

[http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/Student%20Services/Service\\_Learning/Reflection%20Form%2008-12.pdf](http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/Student%20Services/Service_Learning/Reflection%20Form%2008-12.pdf)

- Courses containing a Service-Learning component include but are not limited to:

Earns 30 Hours	Earns 15 Hours	Earns 10 Hours	Earns 10 Hours	Earns 5 Hours
Advance Child Dev. Lab	Ecology, Terrestrial	Classroom / Lab Aide	Peer Facilitating	Government
Child Development Lab	Ecology, Aquatic	Environmental Conservation	Science Research	
		Horticulture	U.S. History	
		Issues in American	Veterinary Science	
		Learning for Independence	Wildlife Management	
		Media Assistant	Writing Assistant	
		Newspaper Production	Yearbook Production	

*For a complete list of courses, check the Carroll County Service-Learning Guidelines on the website or ask your Service-Learning Coordinator*