

**Central High School District of Westosha
HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The purpose for giving high school credit for community service is to provide students with real world experience in the area of human services, education and other career areas. The rationale is if paid work experience merits student credit, then unpaid work experience should also qualify for credit. Also, students have little or no opportunity to work in the area of education and human services in paid positions.

This policy is consistent with the school's emphasis on community involvement and School-to-Careers.

1. Central High School will offer a maximum of one half (.5) credit for Community Service of over seventy (70) hours.
2. Community Service is defined as volunteer work (work without pay) completed that benefits the community as a whole or a certain population of the community. *Examples:* Habitat for Humanity, Alzheimer Patients, Adopt-A-Highway, grade school tutoring, etc. (Does not include assisting a sports team).
3. The Community Service hours can be completed over four years at Central High School. Credit is not given until the total of seventy (70) hours has been completed.
4. The School-to-Career Coordinator or a designated coordinator will be responsible for qualifying and verifying the student's community service. All Community Service hours that qualify for this program must be approved in advance.
5. The School-to-Career Coordinator will develop and maintain a list of organizations that qualify for community service credits.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Project Name / Project Sponsor: _____

Number of Service Hours: _____

Please include a detailed description of your volunteer service: (Be sure to mention project goals, your role/duties, benefits to others/community, and accomplishments.)

I hereby acknowledge that _____ has completed a minimum of 70 hours of community service detailed above.

Community / Volunteer Service Coordinator

Date

I hereby approve the above detailed Community Service and authorize high school credit in the amount of .5 credit.

Kevin Kitslaar, Principal & School-to-Career Coordinator

Date