

Community Service Requirements

Part of the mission of the Strasburg School District 31-J is to develop responsible and productive members of society. Providing service to the school and to the community is a valuable way for students to fulfill this mission. The goal at the Strasburg Junior-Senior High School is to develop strong character in our students. By requiring students to provide service to our school and community, we are helping them to become responsible and productive citizens.

According to the National Association of Secondary Principals, the “development of the intangibles --- empathy, personal values, beliefs, awareness, self-esteem, and social responsibility --- help to foster a sense of caring in others. Community service encourages a reciprocal relationship in which the service reinforces and strengthens learning, and the learning reinforces and strengthens the service.”

In order to demonstrate these expectations, Strasburg Junior-Senior High School requires its students to perform community service. Each junior high student in 6th grade will be required to perform two (2) hours of community service per year, and each 7th and 8th grade student will be required to perform eight (8) hours of community service per year. Each high school student will perform ten (10) hours of community service per year. If a student does not complete these requirements, he/she will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. He/she will still receive a diploma, however.

Opportunities for community service will be provided by the school. The school will provide specific guidelines on what activities are acceptable for students to perform. A student must have parent approval and verify in writing the service activity by completing a certificate of completion and returning it to the school. See Policy JN-R for a copy of the “Certificate of Supervision for Community Service” form.