

Valley View Middle School

National Junior Honor Society

2023/2024 Community Service Requirements



NJHS members are **required to complete a minimum of 6 hours of community service**. The project you choose must fulfill a need within the **community**; it must have the support of the school's administration; it must be appropriate and educationally defensible; and it must be well planned, organized, and executed.

We encourage each honor society member to responsibly choose and participate in an individual community service project that reflects his or her particular talents and interests. Your hours do not need to be completed all at one time, nor all at the same location. Select your community service hours carefully to ensure that the hours will count. It is recommended that you volunteer with a non-profit agency or service based organization that benefits the community.

Example of acceptable community service hours include:

- local food pantry
- public library
- church
- Animal Rescues
- senior center
- nursing home
- Boys & Girls Club
- YMCA
- Rotary
- Kiwanis
- Rancho Simi Recreation Center
- youth sports organizations
- Samaritan Center
- Community Events
- For the Troops

**** Making a blanket for the elderly or making cards for the Troops (see directions in google classroom)**

Unacceptable hours include:

- Babysitting
- Working for a family member
- Working within the home
- **VVMS library**
- **Helping a teacher at VVMS**

If you are unsure where to volunteer, links to community organizations with ongoing volunteer opportunities have been posted in the NJHS Google Classroom.

Upon completion of the community service hours, each NJHS potential member needs to **type** a reflection essay. **The requirements of the Community Service at least 1 FULL page Reflection Essay are:**

- Three, 5 sentence paragraphs **typed** and **double spaced** (12 size standard font)
- Heading: first and last name and grade level
- Title: Community Service Reflection Essay
- Paragraph 1: Summary of your community service hours (Where did you volunteer and what did you do?)
- Paragraph 2: How did your volunteer hours help the community?
- Paragraph 3: What did you learn, how did it make an impact in your life and would you do it again?

Your **community service hours, log, and essay must be completed and turned in** Google Classroom **no later than April 17, 2024 by midnight**. Please be advised that you will NOT be eligible for NJHS if you miss the deadline.

IF YOUR ESSAY IS NOT TYPED / OR IS NOT AT LEAST ONE FULL PAGE IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!