SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

Service Learning is a form of experiential learning whereby students apply content knowledge, critical thinking and good judgment to address genuine community needs. The Service Learning requirement for graduation, approved by the MACCRAY Board of Education, is intended to help students discover the personal satisfaction of volunteering their time and talents for the benefit of others. In order to encourage the spirit of giving, the following guidelines help clarify the expectations of the MACCRAY Public Schools:

- Students must earn a minimum of 80 hours during their high school careers in order to earn a MACCRAY diploma. This breaks down to 20 hours per year in each of the grades 9-12, or 5 hours per quarter.
- Service hours must be earned at times when school is not in session, unless a project is initiated by or approved by school staff.
- Service hours may not be performed for the direct benefit of a family member.
- A student may not earn service hours if they are serving for a school organization that they participate in (for example, softball players may not earn service hours if they work concessions for the softball team).
- A student may not receive compensation (money or gifts) in return for service hours.
- Community service that is court ordered or a punishment from another entity (i.e. Chippewa County Circle Sentencing) may not count toward service hours.
- Generally, service hours may not be performed at a for-profit company.
- Students' service hours could come from several different entities during their high school careers, including schools, community education programs, community groups, church, non-profit organizations (501©3), county agencies, service organizations, and individuals.
- A signature of the person who benefited from a student's service is required to verify that the service was completed. The signature cannot be from the student's parent or guardian.

  Some examples of ways to earn service learning hours include:
  - ❖ Assisting a neighbor or family friend with yardwork or household chores
  - ❖ Providing childcare or animal care services for non-family members without pay
  - ❖ Providing assistance to a self-employed person (for example: farmer) without pay
  - ❖ Volunteering during church services or for church-sponsored activities
  - ❖ Volunteering for MACCRAY Community Education activities as needed
  - ❖ Volunteering to work HS concessions if you do NOT participate in the group or team
  - ❖ Volunteering for events put on by community organizations
  - ❖ Volunteering for a non-profit organization, such as a local animal shelter or donation center
  - ❖ Donating blood (if student is eligible)

**Please see Mrs. Bristle if you have any questions regarding Service Learning requirements.