

COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDELINES for WHS SY25-26

Students of the School District of Palm Beach County are required to obtain a **minimum of 20 community service hours** to **graduate from high school**. The purpose of community service is for students to engage in activities that help them develop an appreciation for the concept of service to the school or community; it is also a requirement for many post-secondary opportunities (*i.e., Bright Futures*). The following guidelines must be followed to participate in activities that are considered acceptable for community service:

- **Community service is defined as non-paid volunteer work with a non-profit agency or organization.**
- Students may begin accumulating service hours as early as the summer prior to entry of the 9th grade year.
- Service should benefit the community at large. Working solely for an individual will not be acceptable.
- Hours must be documented in writing, either on a common community service log (*this form*) or on official letterhead from the organization being served.
- Students who do not have access to community service opportunities must be provided opportunities on the school campus. It is the students' responsibility to alert the School Counseling Department that he/she is in need of school access to community service.
- Time spent organizing and collecting canned goods, clothing, or book drives for a community in need **does qualify** as community service.
- Service on behalf of a candidate for public office **is acceptable**.

The following are examples that would **not** count as community service:

- Rehearsal time for participation in a fine arts or performing arts program
- Practice time for sports and band
- Club meetings to organize community service activities
- Donating canned goods or items to gain community service hours

****PLEASE NOTE:** Parents **cannot** sign to verify their child's participation in a community service activity.

****For more information regarding Community Service opportunities, please visit your grade-level google classroom OR go to [Student Internship and Volunteer Opportunities](https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/1278) (<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/1278>) for a list of non-profit organizations by county.****

Wellington Community High School Service Log

Name: _____ Student #: _____ Grade: _____

Date(s)	Hours	Non-Profit Agency	Supervisor's Name (Printed)	Supervisor's Signature	Duties Performed	Contact Phone #

TOTAL HOURS (from all attached pages): _____ **DATE SUBMITTED:** _____

Hours required for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship

Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)=100

Florida Medallion=75

Florida Gold Seal Vocational=30

- Please plan ahead. Community service hours take approximately 2 weeks to be processed and to appear on your transcript and/or portal. If the form is not completely filled out or the guidelines are not followed, your hours may be delayed further.
- Hours are reported using the Honor Code: I pledge, on my honor, that I have reported legitimate community service hours.

Student's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please keep a copy of this form for your records. Also, please see the back for a more detailed description of the Community Service guidelines for the School District of Palm Beach County, including WHS.