

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

2025-2026

SERVICE AS ACTION MISSION

Trinity Catholic School is committed to developing students who will make a meaningful contribution to the local community and the world. Following in the footsteps of Jesus' ministry in serving others, we hope our students will develop a thoughtful heart of service as they continue their life journey beyond Trinity Catholic School.

REQUIREMENT

All middle school students must complete 10 service hours each school year, beginning the first day of summer break. All service hours for 8th grade students must be completed and submitted by April 29th. All service hours for 6th and 7th grade students must be completed and submitted by May 1st.

SERVICE HOURS

You can receive up to 5 hours for each type of service experience.

Examples:

- One week of volunteering for VBS is considered 1 service experience. This can count towards 5 of your 10 required service hours for the school year.
- Altar serving, reading, cantoring, etc are all considered one service experience since they all provide a service for the mass. This can count towards 5 of your 10 required service hours for the school year.
- Helping a neighbor by cleaning their house, doing yardwork, etc are considered one service experience since they all provide service related to an individual's home. This can count towards 5 of your 10 required service hours for the school year.

Please Note:

- A supervisor's name and either their phone number or email address is required when reporting hours; this would be the person overseeing your service.
- Practicing or attending a training session that will help for a future volunteer activity cannot count towards your 10 required hours.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

8th Grade Community Project

Only the actual hands-on service portion of the 8th Grade IB Community Project is considered acceptable hours towards the service requirement.

NJHS and Service Requirement

NJHS has a separate service requirement of 5 hours each semester. Students cannot use the same service for both requirements.

REQUIRED REFLECTION OF SERVICE

Each service experience must have a written reflection. You must choose at least one of the IB Learning Outcomes that best represents the service you performed. You will answer the reflection questions in the box next to the chosen learning outcome.

OUTCOME

In doing the required 10 service hours through the school year, we are hoping students will grow in their understanding of service and be more willing to say “I will help”.

Only those students who have submitted all required service hours and reflections by the due date will be permitted to attend the end of year field trip. All hours need to be reported on the Google Form located on the Service as Action Google Classroom. Students must fill out and submit the Google Form as each service activity is completed.

