AACT Service Learning

At the AACT we are committed to a school-wide community where students pursue career pathways and develop necessary skills that lead to post-secondary careers and/or college opportunities. We believe our students are prepared for a successful transition to postsecondary schooling and careers when: **WE INTEGRATE – WE SUCCEED – WE SERVE.** Service learning plays a vital role in this mission. By connecting students with the broader community, we help them understand and embrace their responsibilities within it. Our approach emphasizes the development of personal leadership capacity and the cultivation of social responsibility, ensuring that these qualities grow consistently throughout their high school experience.

In Practice, this means that each year our students are expected to participate in lessons and service-learning projects focused on:

- Understanding the nature of communities and their interdependence
- Identifying the needs of different communities and the world
- Working with community members to respond to identified needs
- Using their skills and abilities to take an active role in making a difference

Service hours will be tracked through classes as follows:

Grade	Class	Type of Service	Hours per semester
9	**CTE**	**Individual Volunteerism or Community Service: 10 *hours***	5 hours/semester 1 5 hours/semester 2
10	**CTE**	**Individual Community Service: 20 hours**	10 hours/semester 1 10 hours/semester 2
11	**English**	**Small Group Service Learning: 20 hours** Students will complete an approved small group project that takes on a leadership role and uses specific skills & abilities to address a need. The students will present their project to the community at the JSL/Capstone event.	20 hours service project throughout the year
12	**English**	**Capstone Project: 40 hours** Students will complete a capstone project that takes them through the process of proposal, development, implementation, &reflection. This may be an internship/job shadow, a job, a leadership position within the school, post-secondary class connected to college/career goals not serving as a requirement for student's high school diploma.	40 hours/year The 40 hours can include service hours, a job, or dual credit course related to the Capstone Project.

List of Organizations for Community Service Hours

Here are some good community service / volunteer organizations in Reno (and surrounding Washoe County) you could work with as a teen. They are grouped by interest so you can pick stuff you like. Also included is age or requirement notes where available.

Volunteer Opportunities for Teens in Reno, NV

Organization	What They Do / Volunteer Roles	Age / Requirement Notes
teenNV	Connects teens with ongoing projects (e.g. Discovery Museum, Reno Bike Project, etc.).	Ages depend on program; Discovery Museum teen program requires ~80 hrs.
SPCA of Northern Nevada	Animal care, adoption center help, thrift store, events.	Under 18 can volunteer; younger teens may need guardian present.
Nevada Humane Society	Dog walking, kennel ambassador, event help, office work.	Some age restrictions depending on role.
Washoe County Library — Volunteen	Remote & in-person library projects, badges, challenges.	Ages 14–18.
Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows	Mentoring, youth programs, sports, events.	Background checks for older volunteers; younger may have limited roles.
Project 150 Reno	Donation sorting, boutique support, distributing supplies to students.	Under 18 need parent/guardian permission.
City of Reno Parks & Rec	Parks cleanup, rec center help, events.	Ongoing roles start at 16; some drop-in events allow younger with parent.
Assistance League of Reno-Sparks	Thrift shop, children's/veterans/seniors programs.	Age requirements vary by program.
Washoe County Regional Animal Services	Shelter help, animal care, office support.	Minimum age varies by task.

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Spread the Word Nevada	Book prep, distribution, mentoring kids.	Some opportunities allow ages as young as 7 with supervision.
Community Cats of Reno	Rescue, transport, cat care, clinics.	Likely teen-friendly with some age restrictions.
Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB)	River, park, neighborhood clean-ups; Adopt-A-Spot program; graffiti removal; storm drain stenciling.	Open to all ages for many cleanups; under 18 may need adult supervision.
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	Sorting/packing food, mobile harvest distributions, events.	Ages 10–15 with adult; 16+ can volunteer alone.
Katie Grace Foundation (KT Grace)	Donation sorting, boutique support, community outreach for families in need.	Contact directly; likely open to teens, especially for donation work.

Family Respite Care of Nevada (Formerly Northern Nevada RAVE)	Childcare for children with special needs; 4-hour shifts	Ages 15+ with training; application required
St. Vincent's Food Pantry	Warehouse work, distribution, food service support	Teens welcome; under 18 may need guardian consent
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northern Nevada	Baking cookies, cooking meals, gardening, cleaning	Ages 16+ for most tasks; under 18 may need adult
Nevada Volunteers	Statewide portal for projects — search roles by interest, time, and age	Age/requirements vary by listing
Special Olympics Nevada	Support athletes, help with events, fundraising, admin assistance	Ages 14+; under 18 requires parent/guardian consent

9th GRADE Classes

9th Grade Service Log:
10 Hour Work Log Sheet

Name: _____ Academy: _____ Class Period: _____

Date of Service or Preparation	Time (0:00-0:00)	Describe your work, in detail	Supervisor's Initials

Community Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

(By signing this, you are validating all hours of supervised work with you on this log sheet.)

10th GRADE Classes

10th Grade Service Log:
20 Hour Work Log Sheet

Name: _____ Academy: _____ Class Period: _____

Date of Service or Preparation	Time (0:00-0:00)	Describe your work, in detail	Supervisor's Initials

Community Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

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JUNIOR Classes

Junior Service-Learning Project:
20 Hour Work Log Sheet

Name: _____ Academy: _____ Class Period: _____

Date of Service or Preparation	Time (0:00-0:00)	Describe your work, in detail	Supervisor's Initials

Community Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SENIOR Classes

CAPSTONE:
40 Hour Work Log Sheet

Name: _____ Academy: _____ Class Period: _____

Date of Service or Preparation	Time (0:00-0:00)	Describe your work, in detail	Supervisor's Initials

Community Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

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