



EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

2026-27 Eastside Catholic High School Community Service Policies

The mission of Eastside Catholic School is to “...inspire a life of leadership and service to others.” This mission provides the foundation for our Community Service Program. Students are expected to complete community service as a way to help others, share their gifts and talents and build meaningful relationships within the broader community.

All Eastside Catholic High School students are expected to complete 100 hours of community service prior to graduation. Students are encouraged to complete approximately 25 hours each year to remain on track toward this goal. The graduation goal is cumulative: once a student has served their 100 hours, the goal is met (regardless of the year of completion).

Students are encouraged to continue serving beyond the graduation requirement. Additional service hours may qualify students for recognition through the Varsity Letter in Community Service program and other service-related honors.

Expected Annual Goals:

- 25 hours completed by the end of freshmen year;
- 50 hours by the end of sophomore year;
- 75 hours completed by the end of junior year; and
- 100 by the end of senior year.

General Reminders:

- All hours served and logged in x2VOL between June 1, 2026, and May 31, 2027, will count towards the student’s 2026-27 yearly goal.
- Once a student has served their total hours, the expectation is met (regardless of the year of completion).
- Total hours for students who enroll after the fall semester of 2026-27 will be prorated according to their enrollment date.

EC Service and Direct Service

Students may fulfill their service requirement through a combination of EC service opportunities and direct (off campus) service.

Many students help with various EC events such as the auction, running the scoreboard at athletic games, hosting prospective students, leading Freshman Overnight or participating in a Campus Ministry retreat, running a youth sports clinic over the summer, participating in EC3 Service Club activities or serving during the Sophomore Service Retreat.

Students are also encouraged to participate in **direct (off campus) service** through service-oriented organizations, either on or off campus. Examples of nonprofit organizations include Habitat for Humanity, Little Bit Therapeutic Riding, Hopelink, Washington Trails Association, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, KidVantage, Spiritwood Assisted Living and Memory Care and many others.

Service opportunities may also be completed through churches, museums, libraries, animal shelters, elementary schools, CYO programs, hospitals, summer camps, food banks, senior centers, assisted living communities and similar organizations that serve others and support the community.

Keeping Track of Service Hours

Students will track their service on x2VOL (x2vol.org), a web-based platform that allows students to submit hours and monitor progress towards their annual and graduation service goals.

Step-by-step instructions on how to log community service Hours in x2VOL are available [here](#).

Please note: Students who are new to EC for the 2026-27 school year will learn how to log community service hours in August. Please keep track of your summer hours and supervisor contact information in the meantime.

All questions about getting started on x2VOL for the first time can be directed to Director of Campus Ministry [Lynn Kittridge](#).

Please note that parents, guardians or other relatives may NOT log hours for students. Additionally, parents may NOT sign off as supervisors for their own children. Any exceptions to this rule must be discussed with Campus Ministry in advance.

Quarterly Due Dates for Submission

Submit all service hours **within the academic quarter the hours were completed**. Timely submission helps ensure that service supervisors are available to verify hours and allows Campus Ministry to maintain accurate records.

The **due dates for posting hours** are as follows:

- Hours from summer and Quarter 1: submit by **October 31, 2026**
- Hours from Quarter 2: submit by **January 23, 2027**
- Hours from Quarter 3: submit by **April 3, 2027**
- Hours from Quarter 4: submit by **May 31, 2027**

The following **may not** be submitted as community service hours:

- Assisting immediate family members (parents, siblings, etc.) with chores, yard work, pet care, moving, babysitting, pet sitting, tutoring or similar.
- Service for which you receive compensation, such as fundraising for a mission trip.
- Hours that are required for an honor society. Guidelines of these honors societies do not allow these hours to be counted. Please see your faculty advisor for more information.
- Time spent traveling to/from a service site.
- Court-ordered community service.

Varsity Letter in Community Service

High school students can earn a Varsity Letter in Community Service by completing the following:

- Completing 100 hours of community service during the 2026-27 school year (June 1, 2026 - May 1, 2027), logged and verified on x2VOL by May 1, 2027.
- Write a short reflection, due by April 23, 2027.
- Sit for a brief interview with a member of the Campus Ministry Team.

Questions? Please contact Director of Campus Ministry [Lynn Kittridge](#).