EASTSIDE CATHOLIC

2026-2027 Eastside Catholic Middle 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. Through service, students are encouraged to help others, give of themselves and build meaningful, caring relationships within their communities.

The yearly goals for ECMS students are as follows:

- 8th grade students are expected to complete 20 hours by the end of their 8th grade year.
- 7th grade students are expected to complete 15 hours by the end of their 7th grade year.
- 6th grade students are expected to complete 10 hours of community service by the end of their 6th grade year.

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.

- The student's 4th quarter report card will read "MET" or "NOT MET" to reflect whether the student has served and logged their yearly goal hours.
- Total hours for students who enroll after the fall semester of 2026-27 will be prorated according to their enrollment date.

Community Service
For Middle School students, community service can be completed on or off campus.

On-campus community service may include admission events, retreat service days, service club and after-school service activities.

Students are also encouraged to participate **off campus with service-oriented nonprofit organizations**, including HopeLink, Northwest Harvest, KidVantage (formerly Eastside Baby Corner) and many more.

We also **encourage service through churches**, including ushering, Vacation Bible School, nursery care, altar serving and youth group leadership, as well as museums, libraries, animal shelters, elementary schools, CYO, local hospitals, summer camps, food banks, senior centers, assisted living homes, online tutoring, card-writing, advocacy projects, virtual volunteering and other similar organizations and service opportunities.

See the Community Service Padlet for many current, local service opportunities.

Keeping Track of Service Hours
This process takes place on x2VOL (x2vol.org), a web-based platform where students enter their service hours and track their progress towards their yearly 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 hours and supervisor contact information in the meantime.

All questions about getting a profile set up in x2VOL for the first time can be directed to the 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 a Campus Minister in advance.

Quarterly Due Dates for Submission
Submit all service hours **within the academic quarter they were completed**. This is to ensure that the service placement supervisors are still available to verify service hours. The **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.

Eligibility to earn a Service Award in Middle School:
- 8th grade: **50+ hours** of service, entered and verified on x2VOL by 5/15/27
- 7th grade: **40+ hours** of service, entered and verified on x2VOL by 5/15/27
- 6th grade: **30+ hours** of service, entered and verified on x2VOL by 5/15/27