

HCS and Statewide Days of Service October 2, 2026 and March 19, 2027

Overview

In alignment with our board's graduate profile and our current [graduation requirements](#) for the Class of 2028 and beyond, Henry County Schools will again observe the [Statewide Day of Service](#) on Friday October 2, 2026 **and** Friday, March 19, 2027 (HCS Asynchronous Learning Days). The HCS Days of Service are to engage students in meaningful service-learning that strengthens community connections, promotes real-world learning, and fosters civic responsibility.

School Commitment

- ★ Schools are encouraged to create and/or streamline community service opportunities for students with support from student organizations, athletics, and community partners.
- ★ Service projects can be embedded in the existing curriculum; wherein, students can connect classroom skills and translate those skills into real-world applications.
 - Examples of service activities include campus beautification, reading to students, clearing trails at parks, volunteering at food banks, walking dogs at animal shelters, playing games with nursing home residents, working in community gardens, writing letters to servicemembers, packing hygiene kits, or organizing donation drives.
 - These activities can align with instructional standards across content areas, including healthcare, English language arts, marketing, and Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education.
 - More examples are provided in Appendix A of [Regulation IHF-R\(1\)](#).

Leadership Actions: School Involvement

- ★ All schools (K-12) may adapt the Day of Service model to meet needs and community priorities.
- ★ **Principals are encouraged to schedule the day of service for Friday, October 2, 2026 and Friday, March 19, 2027, but may choose another date based on the school schedule. Participation is not required, but encouraged.**
- ★ In March, please complete the Day of Service participation interest form to indicate your intent to participate and receive updates as state resources become available. To support implementation, schools can access the interest form, planning guides, sample projects, and coordination assistance on the dedicated [Statewide Day of Service webpage](#). The state contact is Kimberly Wetzel (kimberly.wetzel@doe.k12.ga.us).

Resources

[Best Practices](#)

[HCS Community Service Webpage](#)

[Examples of Service Activities](#)

[HCS Community Service Graduation Requirements Flyer](#)

[HCS Community Service FAQ](#)

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