

FOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WHAT IT MEANS HERE AT FVHS



In the state of California, schools are encouraged to consider and, if they deem it appropriate, adopt a policy to encourage students to engage in community service or service-learning and to recognize students' contributions to their communities through community service or service-learning. Here at Fountain Valley High School, a student who successfully meets the community service or service-learning program requirements can earn recognition in the form of a Service Cord to be worn at graduation.

Why Do Community Service?

Become an Active and Engaged Learner

One of the main objectives of the Baron experience is to develop students into engaged life-long learners. Students learn both in and out of the classroom. Community service facilitates learning by encouraging students to step out of their comfort zone and immerse themselves in challenging situations. Volunteering can change students in profound ways, as it fosters individual growth.

Responsible Member of Society

Have you ever felt that you are stuck in the FVHS bubble? Perhaps you sense that there is more to the community at large than you have seen or been a part of up to this point. Community service engages you in volunteering and learning alongside those who are passionate about affecting change in their communities. As you walk side by side with folks addressing pressing social issues, your network of friends will grow, as will your sense of place and belonging.

Relationship and Resume Builder

Employers are looking to hire individuals who have expertise in their fields *and* who live with passion and commitment. Volunteer community service gives students the opportunity to put classroom learning into action, to develop leadership skills, and to build their professional network. Participating in volunteer service shows potential employers that a person is committed to working hard as well as to working for the common good. Employers hire graduates who have a vision for their lives and who want to make a positive impact in the world.

Personal Growth

“Service club experience will help you accept your ability to make a difference, enhance your knowledge of your passions and convictions, and develop your ability to empathize with those in need in your community.” – Key Club Motto

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” – Albert Schweitzer

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Community Service Cord Requirements – Application Form

Due by Friday - April 28, 2017

Please complete and return to the Curriculum office.

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Service Cord Requirements:

- 160 Hours of Community Service (**60 hours for Class of 2017**)
- 2 Recommendations – relevant to your community service
- Digital Photo of student doing service or representing the student's service
- Reflection Presentation
- Student must be in good standing regarding: Academics, Attendance, and Discipline

Application Checklist:

Log of hours - # of total hours: _____

Attached

Recommendation #1 from: _____

Attached

Recommendation #2 from: _____

Attached

Digital Photos

Attached

Reflection Presentation

Signed up for date and time: Date - _____ Time - _____

Signup sheet will be available in front office with receptionist from April 10th -28th.

Received ALL Items:

Assistant Principal – Curriculum

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Community Service Cord Requirements - Recommendation Form - Due by Friday – April 28, 2017

To be completed by a non-relative who supervised the student's community service performance.

Directions for person filling out form:

A student with whom you have worked is pursuing a letter in community service. In order to letter, students must obtain two recommendations from non-relatives who are familiar with the student's service work. Please complete either this recommendation form or a letter of recommendation on behalf of the student as it relates to his/her community service work. Upon completion, please email, mail, or hand deliver recommendations to the student. If you would prefer the recommendation be private, please give to student in a sealed envelope.

Recommendations are due Friday – April 28, 2017. Questions may be directed to any Administrator

Student Name:

Recommender Name:

Title:

Contact information (email/phone):

Name of organization where service was completed:

Please describe service completed by the student:

Please describe student performance:

Do you recommend the student to receive a Community Service Cord for his/her service work?

____ yes

____ no

Signature

Date

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Service Cord Requirements - FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q. Are service hours cumulative?

A. Service hours are cumulative from grades 9-12. It is recommended that students aim to perform a minimum of 40 hours a year to accumulate the 160 to earn the Service Cord.

Q. Does service completed during the summer before 9th grade qualify?

A. YES! Students may begin counting their service hours after the last day of school as an 8th grader.

Q. If I receive a stipend for my service, can I count the hours?

A. Students should not receive any money for service performed, even if it's a small stipend. However, students may opt to donate any money they receive to a cause of their choice so that their time qualifies as service.

Q. How do I count my time for overnight experiences (i.e. camp counselor, mission trip, etc.)?

A. Students volunteering on a mission trip or at camp should only count hours when they are actively engaged in service. Sleeping and non-duties hours do not count.

Q. Can I complete the service requirements at any point during the school year?

A. YES. Beginning in October of Senior year, a student can apply for the cord at any time during the course of the school year. However, students must apply by the deadline if they wish to be considered for the cord.

Q. If I'm a senior and I complete the service cord requirements in the fall, can I include my award on college applications?

A. YES! As soon as seniors complete the requirements they may indicate they received a service cord award on their applications and resumes. Cords will be distributed with Caps & Gowns.

Q. Can both recommendations be completed by the same person if they supervised two separate service experiences?

A. The recommendations must be completed by two different people, though they may come from the same organization.