



# New Millennium Secondary School

## Community Service Hours and Community Service Project

### Community Service Hours

In order to graduate from New Millennium Secondary School, all students must complete at least 75 volunteer hours. You may start your hours as early as the summer after completing the eighth grade. The Community Service hours must be completed by **March 1 of your senior year**. You may choose to complete your hours at different locations for a total of 75 hours or complete all 75 hours at the same location. Please complete a commitment form and log sheet for every location that you complete hours. Please obtain forms from Main Office and return forms to the High School Counselor when hours are completed.

Community Service hours are hours that you volunteer your time and assistance at various locations and organizations in the community. The purpose of Community Service is to contribute to the improvement of the community and show compassion for other people. Volunteering means you are donating your time and skills. If you are getting paid for your work, it is not considered volunteer time.

Be responsible and dependable. Be on time and call ahead if there are any problems with your attendance. Make a good impression because you may need a reference or letter of recommendation one day. At the end of your community service commitment, you may want to ask your supervisor for a letter of recommendation for future use (college applications, scholarship applications, job reference).

If you have already completed all or part of your volunteer hours, please get a Community Service Report Form and a Community Service Log sheet to verify your hours. Your supervisor must sign and verify hours completed. Turn in all forms to Mrs. Hunter.

### Community Service Project

There are many community organizations that need your help. Some suggestions and examples are on the other side of this page. While completing your volunteer time, consider an issue, problem or opportunity for improvement within the program or organization. Develop a plan to address this need and how you see it could be improved. Write a plan of action including: name of organization, address, telephone number, website, leader's names and titles, problem, goals, strategies, expected outcome or actual outcomes if your plan was implemented, what you learned, how this project has affected you and how your project would improve the community and the lives of the people you served. Put your plan in a display format (digital or tangible display) including pictures, interviews, flyers, and other evidence of plan proposal and/or implementation results. Be prepared to present your community service project to an audience in the spring of your senior year.

**Ideas of where you would like to volunteer:**

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**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE...**

**START YOUR HOURS TODAY!**



## Community Service Suggestions and Examples

- **Mentor/tutor young children or peers at a:**
  - a. Day care, pre-school, elementary school, middle school, high school
  - b. Library (read to children, general assistance)
  - c. Big Brother/Big Sister program
  
- **Community clean-up, beautification and safety**
  - a. Community garden, planting trees, flowers
  - b. Clean & Green organization
  - c. Beach clean-up project
  - d. Teens Against Graffiti organization
  - e. Community Coalition
  - f. Local police/sheriff's department youth programs
  
- **Assist senior citizens, patients, homeless people or animals at a:**
  - a. Nursing home or independent living facility
  - b. Hospital or medical facility
  - c. Homeless shelter/kitchen or facility
  - d. Animal shelter or veterinary hospital
  
- **Assisting with city or county events:**
  - a. Marathon, runs/walks, festivals, promotions
  - b. Health/social issues, fairs
  - c. Political elections-poll centers
  
- **Assist with community parks and recreation centers:**
  - a. Boys and Girls Clubs
  - b. Summer camps – YMCA, churches
  - c. Community centers
  - d. Community sports leagues – Little League baseball, Junior League basketball, AYSO, YMCA
  
- **Assist with non-profit organizations:**
  - a. American Cancer Society
  - b. AIDS Project Los Angeles
  - c. Head Start programs
  - d. Los Angeles Marathon
  - e. Scholarship foundations

