

Community Service at Lead Academy

We Are Crew

From our founding, Lead Academy has believed in the power of community. We would not exist without people choosing to make Lead their home and wanting to create a community of like minded students, parents, staff members, and other stakeholders. One component of Lead's mission is to cultivate leaders who create opportunities in their lives and make a difference in their communities. At a young age, we believe that we can begin to cultivate a love of service in our students, families, and staff, so that we live out our mission statement. We teach students that they are a part of a Crew at school, but we are all a part of the larger Crew of our communities. Service, therefore, is a component of Lead Academy that we require all of our students to engage in so that we begin to make the changes we want to see in the world take place.

Definition of Community Service

Community service is voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area. We extend this definition to include animals and our environment as well. In order to gain credit for community service, the work that students engage in must be:

- Voluntary
- Aimed at helping a particular group
- Designed to assist individuals or groups outside of a student's household or family group.
- Located in the Upstate

Approved Forms of Community Service

There are several ways to ensure that your hours will be approved as credit toward a yearly total. The following list comprises a few of the approved options for community service

activities (This list is not exhaustive. Please ask if you have an unlisted opportunity and you are unsure if it counts):

- School sponsored service trips - with your class for expedition or as a Crew or grade-level.
- School sponsored events outside of school hours - Hand's on Lead Day, MLK Day of Service
- Ronald McDonald House
- Greenville Humane Society - donations can be made from [this specific list](https://www.greenvillehumane.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Animal-Advocate-Activities-1.pdf).
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- Mill Village Farms
- Harvest Hope

Non-approved Forms of Community Service

Below you will find a list of service related activities that are not approved for credit toward a yearly goal:

- Doing household chores
- Helping out at a grandparents or relatives house
- Cleaning up after yourself
- Donating food/clothing for a food/clothing drive, donating money.

Expectations for Students

When students are engaging in community service, they are expected to represent themselves and the school in a positive way. Students are expected to:

- Exemplify the founding principles of Lead during their service (Be nice. Work hard. Serve well. Have fun.)
- Wear their Lead Academy uniform shirt so that they may be identified as a member of our Crew.
- Seek approval for their activity if it is not listed above from the Director of Culture

Community Service Hour Requirements

All students will be required to complete community service hours. These hours will change as students grow in maturity and ability.

Grade Level	Hours Required
K-2nd	5 hrs
3rd-5th	10 hrs
6th-8th	20 hrs

Documentation

Students must be sure to document their community service hours on the appropriate forms. Please be sure to make a copy or take a photo of the documentation sheet to keep for your records. In the event that a form is lost or misplaced, we will only be able to credit hours that have been submitted on our Community Service forms.

Submitting Hours for Credit

All students will submit their completed hours to their Crew leader. Forms should be completed and turned in at the end of each quarter. A new Community Service form will be distributed at the start of each quarter.

ALL SERVICE HOURS MUST HAVE A SIGNATURE from a supervisor at the service location. A signature by a parent or relative **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Completed Community Service Hours Privileges

Students that complete the required hours for their grade-level will be eligible to participate in our school's signature events. These events are privileges and are seen as additional components to what we provide for our student's experience.

These events include:

- End of Year Field Trips (5th-8th grade only)
- Field Day
- Fun Friday
- Reward Trips & Experiences
- Athletic teams

In the unlikely event that a student is unable to complete their service hours, students will be required to participate in alternative tasks during some of our school's signature events. Students who do not complete their service hours by the given deadlines communicated each year will NOT be able to participate in the activities mentioned above.

Community Service Hours Log - Q1

ALL HOURS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR CREDIT BY OCT 6 AT 2:30 PM

Student Name:		Grade		Crew Leader	
<p>Reminders about Community Service at Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should be in a Lead shirt while providing their service• All service hours must be signed on the day the service is completed. Parent or relative signatures will not be accepted.• Take a picture of the document or make a photocopy before submitting to your Crew leader.					

Date	Number of Hours	Description of Service	Service Supervisor Signature	Service Supervisor Contact Information

*more forms can be requested from your Crew leader.