

Watertown High School Community Service Requirement

Student information:

Name: _____

Class of : _____

Counselor: _____

Date: _____

Organization information:

Organization Name: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Date(s) of placement: _____

Total Hours worked: _____

Explanation of work/duties:

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Counselor use only:

Total number of community service hours handed in: _____

Watertown High School

Community Service Graduation Requirement

All Students at Watertown High School are required to complete 20 hours of community service as part of the requirement for graduation. We strongly recommend that students complete an average of 5 hours of community service each year. The service requirement was developed and adopted by the high school staff and Board of Education based on our philosophy of promoting learning through service and doing. The opportunity to complete community service helps develop a strong awareness of the need to help others, build self esteem, and help students get a firsthand knowledge of their community. Guidelines for Community Service Experience are listed below.

1. Students must complete 20 hours of community service during their 4 year high school career. The 20 hours can be completed at any time but we recommend that students complete 5 hours per year.
2. All hours must be logged using the form and upload to the google form for their graduating class. Students should keep the hard copy for their personal records.
3. Students must complete a Community Service Experience form for each different activity, not for each hour. If a student donates 10 hour to a local soup kitchen, they need only one form for the entire ten hours.
4. Students should get prior approval from their school counselor or administrator if they have any questions as to the appropriateness of the activity.
5. Community Service Experience sheets must be signed by the sponsor or supervisor in order for the hours to count towards the graduation requirement.
6. School Counselors will retain the electronic copy of the community service form until the student graduates.
7. In the event that a student enrolls at Watertown High School as a sophomore, he or she will be required to complete 15 hours of community service. In the event that a student enrolls at Watertown High School as a junior, he or she will be required to complete 10 hours of community service. In the event that a student enrolls at Watertown High School as a senior, he or she will be required to complete 5 hours of community service.
8. Students may count hours done beginning in the summer before their freshman year of high school.
9. The following regulations exist for an activity to be counted as community service
 - *The activity cannot be for pay
 - *The activity cannot be work for a parent or sibling
 - * Students may work for individuals in their neighborhood for no pay in cases of emergency or need. (For example raking leaves, shoveling snow etc.)
 - *Students may use the hours they have donated for a religious obligation or civic organization
 - *Students may volunteer for a local community organization or government
 - *Several students may develop a community service project (For example, cleaning up a neighborhood)
 - *Any community service hours done during the school day must have prior administrative approval
 - *All community service hours must be submitted on this form.