

SILVER CORD PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To recognize and encourage the development of character in Ashton Franklin Center School students that comes with service/volunteer work in the community, school, and church with a silver cord to be worn by graduating 12th graders.

GUIDELINES:

1. Service or volunteer work is recognized as work done in the community, school, and/or church for which no pay or class credit is given. You cannot receive credit for any activity that you or another person usually receives compensation (i.e. babysitting, nurse's aide, etc.). Also, distinction will be made between performing a "community service" (see examples below) and simply being a "good neighbor." (If you have questions regarding an activity, ask your class advisor.)
2. AFC students in grades 9-12 will complete a Volunteer Service Hours Form for each volunteer activity. The form will require a signature from the adult supervisor of the activity or from the person or organization receiving the service as well as the date of the service and the hours of service. Please turn forms in to the class advisor within six months of the activity's completion. If you volunteer on a regular basis, for example as a Sunday school aide, you may log hours on one form for the same volunteer activity but form should still be turned in every six months. *Please do not submit a form for anything less than 15 minutes of any one activity.*
3. A student will not be required to work toward the Silver Cord. However, it is strongly encouraged.
4. AFC School shall be responsible for promoting and implementing the Silver Cord Program. In May of each year, designated personnel will report information to the committee on those receiving and working toward the Silver Cord.
5. All Seniors must turn their Volunteer Service Hour Forms in to the office by April 30th, so Silver Cords can be ordered for eligible 12th grade graduates. If a 12th grade student has not achieved the required number of hours by April 30th, the committee will determine if that person can meet the requirement by graduation.
6. Required Volunteer Service Hours: 80 hours of volunteer work by graduation from 12th grade. At least 15 hours of the total time must be completed during a student's twelfth grade year. The committee will adjust this requirement accordingly when a student moves into the district.

EXAMPLES OF SERVICE/VOLUNTEER WORK:

Community: City-wide Clean-up Days, helping at the public library, working to promote and implement any town activities or celebrations, Make A Difference Day, PTC babysitting, etc.

School: Special projects, tutoring another student, Family Reading Night, etc.

Church: Liturgist, candle lighter, choir, Sunday school teacher's aide, Vacation Bible school aide, etc.

Changes of Note for the 2019-2020 year and beyond:

*Concessions stand hours no longer apply

*Stats/Filming/Team Manager hours will be half credit

*all hours turned in prior to June 2019 will remain in good standing

BE SURE TO MAKE A COPY OF ALL VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR FORMS TO SAVE FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR.