

The Verrazzano School – Community Service Guidelines

Approval of all service hours will be determined by the Verrazzano administrators. Consult with the Verrazzano Office if you have questions or concerns about how to fulfill the service requirement.

You are encouraged to combine your personal skills and interest with your service requirements. We encourage you to make a more substantial commitment to at least one organization rather than a series of one-time events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Guidelines for Acceptable Hours

- Coordination of fundraising activities for non-profit organizations and services such as day care centers, retirement homes, animal hospitals, or nature parks will count as community service.
- In general, hours spent coaching youth sports for a non-profit organization will count as community service.
- In general, tutoring provided at non-profit schools or organizations will count as community service.
- Services performed as staff at non-profit camps for no financial compensation will count as community service.
- An unpaid, non-credited internship that takes place at a non-profit organization will count as community service.

Limitations on Community Service Hours

- Service completed for a for-profit organization will not be considered community service.
- Volunteer work on political campaigns will not be considered community service.
- Volunteer work done solely to promote a particular religious point of view will not be considered community service. For example, teaching Sunday School will not be considered as service hours. Activities through a religious organization must be service to a broader community, such as work at a soup kitchen or a park clean-up, to receive service credit.
- Students involved in an academic course with a service-learning component may not receive community service hours for their work since they are already receiving academic credit for the course.
- Participation in charitable fundraising walkathons, runs, and other events of this nature will generally not be considered as community service unless you are helping with the organization of those events.
- Volunteer work done at an organization where a student is employed will generally not be counted toward the service requirement.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Guidelines for Acceptable Hours

- Qualified hours must serve campus-wide needs without financial compensation.
- Participation as an unpaid mentor as part of a mentorship program to other students will generally count as campus community service.

Limitations on Campus Community Service Hours

- Activities serving the interests of an individual or student organization or athletic team, or participation in most extracurricular activities (e.g., a theatrical production, holding office in Student Government) ordinarily does not count as campus community service.
- Volunteer work done for an office where a student is employed will generally not be counted toward the service requirement.