



Community Service Hours Tracking

Questions and Answers

1. Do my community service hours need to be pre-approved?

No. Pre-approval of hours is no longer required. Please continue to reach out to your school counselor or career advisor with any questions about what would qualify.

2. Do I need to complete community service hours with a 501c3 organization?

No. 501c3 organization are no longer required, volunteer/work hours can be completed at a number of qualifying organizations.

3. Can I complete community service hours during a religious service or event?

Yes. Religious community volunteer hours count toward community service.

4. Can volunteer and work hours be combined?

Yes. Pay stubs may be required in addition to work hour documentation.

5. Do hours need to be completed inside of Sarasota County?

No. Hours can be completed anywhere that students have provided service to a community.

6. I am volunteering for a week out of state, can I count all 168 hours toward community service hours?

No. Child Labor laws limit hours to 8 hours per day.

7. What type of reflection do I need to complete?

A reflection is now required, students will be asked if they completed a journal, presentation, etc. Students may choose their preferred method of reflection.

Note: Page 1 and 2 of the "Record of Volunteer/Work experience" must be completed in their entirety in order to be accepted.