

Service Hours Informational Handout Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School



Name:	Graduation Year:
Advisor:	Today's Date:

Service Hours: Service is about doing good for others and those in your community. The act of serving others provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Service hours help students better understand their competence, leading to more self-confidence and a can-do attitude that can spread to their work and academic pursuits. One of the strongest predictors of Career Readiness is students earning at least 25 service hours in their high school career. Below are the school recognitions we have for service learning:

- ★ Career Readiness Standard: 25+ service hours in a 9-12 high school career
- ★ Service Award Winner: Students who complete 50 service hours in a given school year (June-May) are recognized as a Student of Service Award Winner in the spring.
- ★ Service Award Winner (300 Hours): Students who complete 300+ hours of service in their 7-12 career will be recognized at commencement as a 300-hour Service Award Winner.

NHS Note: 25 service hours are required to gain and maintain membership in the Lake City National Honor Society.

Process:

- 1. **STEP 1:** Read this Service Hours Informational Handout
- 2. **STEP 2:** Students will complete the <u>Student Service Hours Form</u> for all service activities completed. You must have a signature from the adult who supervised the activity. Turn this completed form to your advisor or homeroom teacher. The advisor or homeroom teacher will sign off on the service hours. **Students should take a picture for their records**.
- 3. **STEP 3** (teachers only): Teachers will keep the forms and input the total hours granted on their spreadsheet. Teachers will turn in the spreadsheet and service hour forms to the office at the end of the school year.

Service Activities: Generally speaking, service activities are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given. You must have a supervising adult (or parent if necessary) signature to verify each activity. **Some examples of out-of-school service projects would include** Various church activities, food drives, food shelves, highway clean-ups, helping classroom teachers outside of the school day, raking leaves for a neighbor, mowing a neighbor's lawn or shoveling their driveway, volunteering at youth athletic activities as a youth coach, timer, scorekeeper, and other types of community service activities. Some in-school activities include peer tutoring, key club, or student council service activities. Students who are NHS members will be encouraged to participate in the Red Cross Blood Drive that will be organized during the year. Participation will count toward the 25 service hours. *Click the link for an ongoing list of Service Hour Opportunities in Lake City.*