



MCMS Community Service Panthers Make A Difference Form

OPUSD deems community service a noble endeavor. We appreciate your initiative in working toward making a difference in your school, community, and world. Please complete the application below and submit it to the Assistant Principal. MCMS Leadership will review your Form for approval. **After you have completed the project, obtain the necessary signatures and please submit the Form no later than May 3, 2027.**

Part I: Please complete the following **BEFORE** starting your project:

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Community Service Project: _____

Project is in conjunction with what organization: _____

Goal(s) of the project: _____

Amount of hours you intend to receive credit for: _____

Are you working with other people on this project? _____

Parent Permission to participate in community service project described above:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

MCMS Approval (Assistant Principal)

Date

Part II:

Please submit a signed letter (on Organization letterhead) from the organization for which you served, detailing the work you did and the amount of hours.

I hereby verify that I have completed the community service stated above:

Student Signature

Date

Community Service at MCMS

Three Categories:

- School - Helping with projects connected with MCMS (For example, CJSF, clubs such as Environmental, Community Service, Friendship that involve projects within the school day, but that extend beyond the school day. It is the time **BEYOND** the school day for which students may receive community service credit.)
- Community - Helping with projects within the Oak Park/Los Angeles community: Many Mansions; Heal the Bay; etc.
- Global - Helping National and International Organizations and projects: Read Across America; Central Asia Institute; Habitat For Humanity; UNICEF; Greenpeace; etc.

Logistics:

1. Students will fill-out a “Panthers Make A Difference” Form to have their community service project approved for credit (approval via MCMS Leadership).
2. A “Panthers Make A Difference” Form is available off of the MCMS Website, under Forms, Community Service Application .
3. When students have completed the Form and the service, the Form is turned into the office (Assistant Principal). A copy is given to the student.
4. Each year, students who accumulate 20 hours, would receive a “Panthers Make A Difference” certificate.
5. On the 8th grade Culmination Program, for 3 years of community service, a Community Service Distinction of “Panthers Make A Difference” will be noted. There will also be a certificate for 3 years of community service presented at the 8th grade awards ceremony.
6. Students could not receive community service credit for projects that are connected to/required by organizations of which the student belongs, e.g., scouts, church, etc.