

American Heritage School of Boca/Delray Middle School and High School Community Service Requirements 2008-2009

Community Service/Reporting Basic Guidelines

Students are required to perform community service hours; the required number of hours per year is based upon students' grade levels, or the organization(s) to which they belong:

Grades 6 – 8	.....	20 hours
Grades 9 – 11	.....	30 hours
Grade 12	.....	25 hours
Key Club – Grades 9 – 12	.....	40 hours
Junior National Honor Society – Grades 7 and 8	.....	25 hours
All National Honor Societies – Grades 9 – 12	.....	40 hours
Graduating Seniors – Silver Cord (optional)	.....	250 hours
Graduating Seniors – Silver & Blue Cord (optional)	.....	500 hours

REMINDER: Community Service is intended to serve individuals in non-profit¹ institutions. Please verify in advance if you are not sure about the status of your planned involvement.

There are several ways that a student may fulfill his/her community service requirements.

Examples:

1. Students may join the Builders Club or Key Club and participate in their programs and projects, as a leader or a valuable committee member.
2. Students may initiate a community service volunteer project at school that has been pre-approved, or at another approved non-profit institution. Students may also contact local churches, synagogues, and hospitals for volunteer activities. Suggested non-profit institutions appear later in this document.
3. Students may participate in SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS that are sponsored by the school's clubs and organizations, and by county and state certified non-profit organizations.
 - a. Examples of school organizations (in addition to those outlined on page 6 of this bulletin):
 - Music Dept.
 - Art Dept.
 - Drama Dept.
4. Students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades may serve in the Builders Club to earn their community service hours. (Middle School students are eager to serve, but many institutions outside of school have age and travel requirements that limit middle school student opportunities. We urge the faculty and school organizations to initiate on-campus community service projects; the Holiday Greeting Card Program is one example.)

¹ Students may not receive **ANY** compensation for hours performed in order to qualify as community service volunteer hours.

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