

Community Service Hours Guidelines and Procedures

Central Hinds Academy

Community service is a graduation requirement for all students. Each student must complete a minimum of (100) community service hours over the length of his/her high school career (9-12th) to receive a high school diploma. (Class of 2020-50hrs, 2021-50hrs, 2022-75hrs, 2023-100hrs)

Central Hinds Academy encourages all students to actively pursue service to both school and community in a consistent, responsible, and exemplary fashion. Community service projects are well-planned, organized, and voluntary efforts designed to address a specific need in the community. Such projects make take the form of school-site service, group service, or individual community service. **All community service projects must be completed during a students' non-instructional time.**

All hours must be documented. No hours may be verified by a parent. Students may obtain hours through work done for agencies which are non-profit and outreach in nature. Students must do all activities through an organized agency for accountability and protection purposes. Places to serve may have age limits. Please check with Emily Mason, Director of Community Service, if there are questions. Below are some suggested examples of agencies CHA students have served in the past. This is not an exhaustive list.

- CARA
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys and Girls Club
- Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Mississippi Museum of Art
- Mississippi Children's Museum
- Mississippi Blood Services
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Stewpot
- Gateway Rescue Center
- Natural Science Museum
- Mississippi Craft Center
- Mississippi Veteran's Home
- Riggs Manor Nursing Home
- Mississippi Food Network
- The Mustard Seed
- American Heart Association
- American Cancer Society
- Ronald McDonald House
- The Little Lighthouse
- Mississippi Sports Museum
- Youth Villages

1.All work must be done for a nonprofit agency in the Metropolitan Jackson area. Check the status before you work. For instance, volunteering at a for-profit business may **not** be submitted.

2.Hours may **not** be verified by a parent. If the parent is the coordinator of the event, please find another adult/coordinator to verify the hours.

3.Students cannot receive academic credit, salary, or any other money for services rendered.

4. Babysitting will **NOT** be approved!

5. Students may not receive community service hours for donations, participation in club activities, games, practice, rehearsals, competitions, or performances in school related events.

6. Students' assistance to teachers is limited to (25) hours per year. Students may use multiple teachers to acquire (25).

***Other opportunities may arise. Check with director of community service, Emily Mason, for approval before performing work.**

***Seniors must have all community service hours turned in no later than April 1st!**