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SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS



Action and service have always been shared values of the IB community.

Students take action when they apply what they are learning in the classroom and beyond. IB learners strive to be caring members of the community who demonstrate a commitment to service—making a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment. Service as action is an integral part of the IB programme.

Each year, **sixth grade students** are encouraged to complete a total of **5 hours** of community service in their local community.

Seventh grade students are encouraged to complete a total of **10 hours** of community service in their local community.

Student's **Individual and Societies** (Social Studies) teachers will keep a community service folder for each student, along with logs and reflection forms that students will have access to. Students are to submit their completed community service forms only to their Individual and Societies teacher.

The deadline to submit all completed community service forms is May 1st, 2020.

Ideally, community service is an extension of classroom instruction and should be related to the curriculum. Service should be done on a regular basis, not all at one time, which is why Plantation Middle offers many opportunities throughout the school year, in

and out of school, for students to complete their community service hours. Make sure you check on PLMS website(www.browardschools.com/plantationmid) regularly for opportunities and in the tab, "Community Service Opportunities".

Community service in the IB is defined as work done for a NON-PROFIT agency or individual and one in which there is not compensation or reward for the individual completing the work. The activity should contribute to the well-being of a school, its community, state, country or a global entity. IB service hours are separate and apart from any other community service hours required of any organization or clubs, such as NJHS, and may not be combined or counted together.

Sixth and Seventh grade students are responsible for completing their community service logs and getting the appropriate supervisor's signature for each separate activity and must complete a reflection form for each of their activities. These forms are found in the tab "Community Service Forms", and can be downloaded and copied for your convenience.



Use the checklists below to determine if an activity is considered community service.

Be sure to check with the IB Coordinator prior to doing the activity if you are uncertain as to whether your service hours will be awarded.

For an Outside Agency:

Is it a non-profit agency?

Does the agency rely on volunteers?

Did someone from the agency witness you performing the service?

For Individuals:

Is the individual unable to perform the activity or task?

Are they financially disadvantaged?

Are they elderly or in need of assistance?

Was the activity necessary to help the individual?

Is this individual someone other than a relative?

For Plantation Middle School:

Did a school staff member witness the activity?

Was the activity done through an official club, classroom, school group, or assigned by administrator?

If you answered NO to any question in a category, please check with the IB Coordinator to determine if the activity will count as community service hours.

Be aware of what hours CANNOT be counted, including:

- a. Court mandated community service
- b. An activity for which a student benefited financially or materially for the community service
- c. All forms of duty within the family. The student's family to include: parents (including step), siblings (including step), any of their grandchildren (including step), and any of their spouses. Family obligations such as mowing your grandmother's lawn, babysitting your younger siblings, cleaning house do not count as community service but are excellent ways to build a good relationship and be better balanced, knowledgeable and principled.
- d. Religious obligations (acolyte duties, teaching catechism classes, singing for your synagogue) ARE NOT community service. If your religious institution has an outreach program such as building houses for Habitat, serving at homeless shelters, etc., those activities will count.
- e. An activity where there is no leader or responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance
- f. Participating in a club or sport

Examples of School Service Include:

- Participating in cleaning up the school campus (actual hours worked)
- Before or after school secretarial help, bulletin boards or classroom maintenance for teachers and staff (maximum of 1 hour each time)
- Assisting during Open House, Camp Basal, Fifth Grade Visitations, Orientation and other school related events. (maximum of 1 hour per event)
- Participating in a whole-school sponsored community service opportunity (actual hours or announced amount of hours)



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