

Student Service Hours

Christian Academy Schools believes (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:8) young people need to receive experience and training in service/outreach in order to:

- 1) Gain a better understanding of how to be the hands and feet of Jesus.
- 2) To put into practice how to “love” like Jesus did
- 3) Be introduced to potential career fields they may not have otherwise.
- 4) Become involved in the services to a local church.

The purpose of the service/outreach requirement is our desire to help our students gain a Christian worldview, to be encouraged to experience a close walk with God and to bring glory to Him through their ministry. Twenty (20) hours of service/outreach are required for 9-12th grade students each year. Student are required to have ten (10) hours completed by the end of 1st quarter, next five (5) due by the end of 2nd, and the final five (5) due by last school day in April. **SENIORS** *must have all their hours completed by the end of 3rd quarter.*

Students joining us part-time or as an athlete only will need to complete 5 hours total by the end of the first semester or their sport season, which concludes at the awards banquet, based upon the student’s involvement.

Hours are defined as:

- Hours of active participation
- Training will qualify if done as preparation for the outreach activity (e.g. training to volunteer at a camp for disabled children)
- Active participation is doing something to assist in the activity. Listening, watching or observing an activity would not qualify
- A total of ten (10) hours must be completed by the end of first quarter. However, the entire year may be completed in advance
- A service/outreach activity is giving of one’s self to others in service. If compensation of any kind is received in any form the hours will not be credited towards the service/outreach requirement.
- The service/outreach must be supervised, directly or indirectly, by an adult.
- Hours are to be completed outside of school hours.
- Helping one’s own family does not count
- The areas of service cannot be carried over into subsequent years.
- Students can submit a service/outreach ministry once during the high school years. (e.g. If a student submits 20 hours for working sound at their church, they cannot submit those hours again.)

Students may begin to accrue service hours to apply to the next year’s requirement beginning the first day of summer break.

List of approved Service Ministries:

- 1) Special church projects
- 2) Hospital Volunteer
- 3) Christian Academy Events (Spaghetti Dinner, Faith Banquet, Little Eagles, etc.)
- 4) Nursing Home
- 5) Resident Home

- 6) Crisis Pregnancy Center
- 7) Vacation Bible School
- 8) Bethany Center Soup Kitchen
- 9) Bible Clubs
- 10) Literacy Programs
- 11) Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- 12) Camp Staff
- 13) Missions Trips
- 14) Sunday School Teacher or Aide
- 15) Church Visitation
- 16) Sidney Gateway Arts Council - setup and tear down for events
- 17) Church Choir
- 18) Youth Group Leadership
- 19) Church Maintenance
- 20) Local Library
- 21) Church baby-sitting
- 22) Sidney Theatre- setup and tear down for events
- 23) Tutoring
- 24) AWANA/Royal Ranger Type Groups Leadership
- 25) Operation of Church Sound or Video System
- 26) Helping Senior Citizens
- 27) Thrift Stores
- 28) Playing a Musical Instrument at Church or Church-sponsored Activities
- 29) Evangelism Program
- 30) Agape
- 31) Alpha Center
- 32) Restore – Habitat for Humanity
- 33) Salvation Army Bell Ringer

This list is not an exclusive list. If a ministry is not on the list, prior approval can be obtained from the Academic Advisor.

Students will submit a Student service Hours Form with appropriate information completed and signed by the individual supervising the activity. This cannot be a parent, unless the parent is the individual in charge of the event.

Consequences for Not Meeting Student Service Hours

Students who do not complete their Student Service Hours by the last school day in April will be expected to meet at the School ever Saturday (starting the first Saturday in May) until all requirements are completed at the cost of \$20 a Saturday. Final transcripts for seniors will not be released until the Student Service Hours requirement is completed.