



POWHATAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Community Service Learning

Community Service Learning (CSL) is an educational process, which enhances the quality of life within the school and the community. Community Service Learning combines instruction, college-and-career readiness skills, and voluntary participation by supporting activities or obtaining contributions of goods.

Program Requirements

Powhatan High School

Students who meet the high school Community Service Learning requirements will receive a Powhatan County Public Schools Community Service Learning seal on their high school diploma.

Students will complete **80 hours** of community service to non-profit organizations during high school.

The following adjustments have been made due to the impact of COVID-19.

- **NO Hours** are required for the 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22 school year.
 - Students should reduce the total requirement during their high school career by 20 hours each for the 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22 school years.
 - However, students can submit hours for the 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22 school years if they choose.
 - Ex. A 2022 graduate will be recognized with the Community Service Learning seal with only 20 hours of community service.
- **Transfer students** will complete **20 hours** annually while at PHS. *(except for 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22)*
- Students must complete at least **10 hours per year**. *(except for 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22)*
- Students must receive hours from at least **four different sources or organizations**.
- Service required for honor societies, extra-curricular or co-curricular organizations may not be used for CSL hours.
- Students may begin accruing hours during the summer prior to 9th grade.
- Students should keep track of their hours on the Community Service Log. Hours will be submitted electronically to School Counseling near the end of Senior year.

Powhatan Middle School

Students who meet the middle school Community Service Learning requirements will be recognized at the school level.

Students will complete **15 hours** (or 5 hours annually for transfers) of community service to non-profit organizations during middle school.

The following adjustments have been made due to the impact of COVID-19.

- **NO Hours** are required for the 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22 school years. ***However, we will recognize 8th grade students at the end of the 21-22 school year who have completed at least 5 hours of community service during their middle school career.***
 - Students should reduce the total requirement during their middle school career by 5 hours each for the 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22 school years.
 - However, students can submit hours for the 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22 school years if they choose.
 - Ex. An 8th grader in 21-22 will be recognized with only 5 hours of community service.
- Students may begin accruing hours during the summer prior to 6th grade.
- Students must receive hours from at least two different sources or organizations.
- No more than 10 hours can come from a single source or organization.
- Students must submit their hours during the school year in which the hours were earned.
- Students may not use service to Pocahontas Middle School for CSL hours.
- Service required for extra-curricular or co-curricular organizations may not be used for CSL hours.

Powhatan County Public Schools is proud to recognize the continued commitment of service to our community by our students.

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