



Pearl River School District

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To Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 9 through 12:

Pearl River High School is committed to the philosophy that student involvement in community service enhances the civic growth of the individual as well as the overall welfare of the community. Pearl River High School's graduation requirements state "students will contribute service to the school and community." The goal behind this requirement is to have students learn the value of civic responsibility and for the community to help children gain maturity and responsibility by affording them opportunities for service. According to the American Association of Community Colleges, "Active participation in the public life of a (their) community in an informed, committed, and constructive manner, with a focus on the common good" is a key component in learning civic responsibility while advancing academic scholarship. As John Glenn stated, "by definition, civic responsibility means taking a healthy role in one's community. This means that classroom lessons should be complemented by work outside the classroom. Service-learning does just that, tying community service to academic learning."

Pearl River High School has implemented a service-learning project in which students are advised to complete **ten** hours of service annually to the community and/or school. The program requirement is that a total of **forty** hours of service will have taken place between the summer **after** the students completion of 8th grade and the culmination of their senior (12th grade) year, respective of posted deadlines. The purpose of this service-learning program is to provide opportunities for students to experience the joy of making a difference in the lives of others, working more closely with adults and exploring career possibilities.

Suggestions for community service appear in the Daily Bulletin (available on the web page) almost every day. Additionally, announcements for student volunteers at special events are given over the PA system. Students are encouraged to serve in their houses of worship, public libraries or hospitals; be a tutor or assist senior citizens. Service hours are only accepted for **unpaid positions** and **exclude participation as an athlete on PRHS teams**. For your convenience we are enclosing a service form for your child to log their hours. Additional copies are available in the Guidance Office and on the guidance page of the high school website.

Students will be recognized for their service if they accumulate at least 25, 50 or 100 hours of service in a given year and their logs are submitted to the Guidance Office no later than:

May 7, 2019 for Grades 9, 10 and 11

May 14, 2019 for Grade 12

Sincerely,
The Guidance Staff

**PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
SERVICE-LEARNING LOG SHEET**

Student Name _____
 Address _____
 Tel.# _____ Counselor _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Briefly explain the service performed, the number of hours given and obtain signatures. If additional forms are needed, feel free to copy.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR AWARDS CONSIDERATION

GRADES 9-11: MAY 7, 2019

GRADE 12: MAY 14, 2019

| DATE | SERVICE RECIPIENT | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE | HOURS SERVED | AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | | | <u>Print Name</u> |
| | | | | <u>Telephone #</u> |
| | | | | <u>Signature</u> |
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| TOTAL HOURS SERVED | | | | |