



Pearl River School District

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

Pearl River High School has a service-learning project for which students are advised to complete service annually to the community and/or school. The program requirement is for service that is completed between the summer **after** students finish 8th grade and the culmination of their senior (12th grade) year, respective of posted deadlines for recognition. 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 high school web page) and are announced over the PA system in the morning. Students are encouraged to tutor, assist senior citizens and/or serve in their houses of worship, public libraries, or hospitals. Service hours are only accepted for **unpaid positions**; please refer to related information on the next page.

The COVID pandemic has presented challenges that impact the availability of community service opportunities. Therefore, the traditional advisement of 10 hours per school year does not apply to the years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. That said, the high school's graduation service requirement is 20 hours for the classes of 2022 and 2023 and is 30 hours for the class of 2024.

This year students will be recognized at the awards ceremony for their efforts if they accumulate 100, 50 or 25 hours of service; this work must be entered and verified in their x2Vol accounts by:

May 4, 2022 for Grades 9, 10 and 11

May 11, 2022 for Grade 12

Students use their learn.pearlriver.org email to access their x2Vol accounts (a direct link is available via their Student Naviance account). Activities that are entered into x2Vol require a contact name from the organization for whom the work is done and either an email address or phone number. A signed document as proof of service can also be uploaded. Students should not enter their parents as contacts for verification purposes. Detailed information, [steps to access](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about x2Vol are available on the guidance page of the high school website. Students are encouraged to come to the Guidance Office and/or contact their counselor for further assistance.

Sincerely,

The Guidance Staff

Community Service Activities

For Awards Consideration and Graduation Purposes

1. Suggestions:

- a. Volunteer for a house of worship
- b. Volunteer for an elderly neighbor (shoveling, shopping, etc.)
- c. Volunteer for a public library
- d. Volunteer in a hospital
- e. Tutoring (except for family members)
- f. Volunteer for Keep Rockland Beautiful
- g. Volunteer for Meals on Wheels/People to People
- h. Assist the PRHS PTSA or any of the other district PTAs
- i. Scout projects
- j. Back to School Night
- k. Eighth grade orientation (seniors only)
- l. Volunteer for Déjà Vu
- m. Orangetown Youth Court
- n. Coaching younger students (CYO, OMM, HS camps if unpaid)
- o. Volunteer at animal shelters
- p. Training or acquiring skills (if pre-approved)
- q. Performing with outside, not-for-profit troupes

2. Exclusions:

- a. Paid activities
- b. Participation in PRHS clubs (unless the activity is above and beyond the normal scope of what the club does and activity is pre-approved)
- c. Participation and/or performing in Pirate Rep/Stage Crew/PRHS band, orchestra & choir
- d. Participation in PRHS athletics
- e. School programs such as the Marine Science Fair
- f. Service/work for family
- g. Fundraising for high school teams and/or clubs

Please note: **Students must ensure all entries are verified** (either via email or submitting a signed document that is uploaded/brought to the Guidance Office) **within 2 weeks of date of service or activity will be denied.** In the unlikely event an activity is denied, students will have an opportunity to resubmit the activity once for verification.