

Community service is defined as when a student decides to help or give of his/her time in their community. Community service hours must be done between grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-five (75) hours are highly recommended to be completed by senior year in order to be recognized at his/her graduating ceremony. The hours completed per month are due as soon as possible on a yearly basis.

Community service is NOT defined as any type of internship or clerical/secretarial work. If this is the case, those hours may not be honored. Service hours should involve helping in his/her community in some form or fashion, in at least three different areas (example: a hospital, a library, and a food bank).

Possible locations to earn community services hours:

- Boys and Girls Club •Local hospitals •Habitat for Humanity •Church
- American Red Cross •Library •Local food drives •Beach clean-up
- Veterinarian's clinic •Humane Society •RGV Food Bank •Local recreational park •Tutoring other students •Special Olympics •Local elementary schools
- Community service through clubs •Med Ed program •Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Distributing clothes to the needy •Science Academy's "Go Center" •Nursing Homes/Rehabilitation Centers

If you have questions/doubts regarding volunteer sites, check with your counselor first. Contact information for each location can be found online via their respective sites.