



ICS Community Service

Why Do Community Service?

- In order to be world changers, our students must seek opportunities to be like Christ as servant leaders.
- We want our students engaged in the real needs of their community and to a larger extent, the global community.
- We want our students to experience the reality that ultimately Jesus is the answer to the world's needs.
- We want to foster a love for the ministry of the gospel in the lives of ICS students.

What Is Required?

Students in grades 9-12 are asked to serve the community for a minimum of **10 hours** per academic year. This requirement is necessary for graduation from ICS and will be noted on the student's official transcript.

Any student wishing to qualify as a Florida Academic Scholar under the Florida Bright Futures Program must complete 75 hours of community service.

What Is Community Service?

It **must** be voluntary...

- Work that engages students in the actual doing of service. For example, time spent in preparation or transportation is not counted toward the requirement.
- Work not done for pay.

It **must** be a service to the community...

- Work done outside regularly scheduled school and church activities.
- Work not done for family members.
- Work not done for profit-making organizations.
- A project or activity that benefits a person or people in need.
- A project or activity that in some way contributes to or improves the quality of life in the community or environment.

It **might** be a spiritual ministry...

- An effort to address a particular spiritual need.
- An effort consistent with the biblical philosophy of ICS.

Getting Started

There is a list of organizations seeking volunteers in the Road to College binder. You can also contact the High School Administrator for counsel of where to start.

Recording Community Service Hours

Each community service effort needs to be documented. This means that you need to submit...

- An hourly record of the time you spent serving.
- An adult supervisor's signature.
- A description of the service performed.

Exception provision: In the case where a student goes on a mission trip, only one form needs to be filled out by the student and the organizer of the trip. Please note that a student can only earn up to 37 hours from a mission trip and are only allowed to count one mission trip towards the graduation requirement.

Community service forms are available in the Road to College binder, in the high school office and online.

Is Any Volunteerism Considered Community Service?

Not necessarily, therefore the school reserves the right to approve or deny all service activities. By our definition, not all volunteerism is considered community service. It is recommended that you check with the High School Administrator before doing any community service.