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Community Service Diploma Endorsement



AGENDA/TOPICS

- **Purpose & components of the Community Service Diploma Endorsement**
- **Minimum number of **documented approved** community service hours**
- **Getting started with Community Service Diploma Endorsement**
- **Resources to support District Contact**

Purpose of Community Service Diploma Endorsement

- Act 295 (Regular Session 2012) authorized awarding a Community Service Diploma Endorsement beginning with freshmen entering school year 2013-2014.
- Recognize high school students who perform community service.
- Engage students in their communities.
- Provide a process to apply student learning in a social setting.
- Provide opportunities for students to explore their interests, passions, and potential career aspirations in an engaged, hands-on environment.



Community Service is Service Learning

- For the purposes of this endorsement, it is important to distinguish between volunteering/service and donating /fundraising, two separate distinct activities.
- The Community Service Diploma Endorsement recognizes students who engage in service learning, who commit time and interact with the community to support and encourage.

Community Service Diploma Endorsement Requirements

Minimum Yearly Requirements*	
9 th Grade	10
10 th Grade	20
11 th Grade	25
12 th Grade	25

***NOTE:** A student who (1) transfers into a participating LEA after the 9th grade or (2) graduates early may receive a community service endorsement if that student:

- Meets the minimum requirements for each year, and
- Completes a total of 80 community service hours by graduation

Getting Started With the Community Service Diploma Endorsement

1. Determine your school/district plan for Community Service Diploma Endorsement.
2. Review types of [Community Service Categories](#)
3. Join school and/or community service clubs to plan and conduct service projects (Note: If your school does not have a service club, contact local non-profits about planned service projects. See description of community service categories for suggestions.)
4. Select and plan carefully for community service events that do not conflict with school and district calendars (e.g., state tests, required school activities, holidays).
5. Use the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Student Documentation Form](#) to submit student participation to school/district Community Service contact for inclusion on Community Service Diploma Endorsement [District/School Tracking Form](#)
6. For additional service opportunities, go to <http://volunteerlouisiana.gov/>

Resources to Support Community Service Diploma Endorsement

- Include [Guidelines for Getting Started](#)
- List of [Community Service Categories](#)
- [Student Documentation Form](#)
- [District/School Tracking Form](#)
- [Volunteer Louisiana](#)
 - Register to volunteer
 - Register a volunteer opportunity
 - Locate volunteer opportunities in your community



Questions & Answers



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