

New Tech High @ Coppell Community Service Guide

At New Tech High @ Coppell, community service is a required part of each student's education. Each learner at NTH@C is required to perform a minimum of 10 community service hours per school year to graduate.

Objectives

- Expose learners to non-profit organizations to create an awareness of the need for community service and the variety of organizations that exist to help others. [L] [SEP]
- Enable learners to give back not only to their local Coppell community and the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex community, but also to our country and the world beyond. [L] [SEP]

Requirements [L] [SEP]

- Each learner must complete a minimum of 10 community service hours per school year and the hours must be logged in x2vol at <http://x2vol.com/>. The hours will then be verified by a representative of the organization you volunteered with and approved by New Tech.
- Work must be completed at a minimum of two separate organizations each year as part of the required 10 hours.

Guidelines [L] [SEP]

- The organization for which you volunteer must be a non-profit agency or a for-profit one that has been approved by the campus personnel, such as a hospital or nursing home. [L] [SEP]
- The learner shall receive no pay, academic credit, award or any other compensation for the hours earned. [L] [SEP]
- Activities that do not qualify for community service hours include: [L] [SEP]
 - Services required for the learner for recompense, i.e., mandatory teen court service to dismiss a ticket
 - Activities for which the learner receives direct benefit, i.e., fundraising for a sports team or grade for a class
 - Activities for which the learner is paid or compensated in some other manner
 - Activities that benefit a for-profit organization or business, unless approved by the school personnel, i.e., a hospital or nursing home
 - Activities that are of a religious nature, i.e., teaching a religious class. However, church sponsored activities addressing physical needs, i.e., collecting blankets, building projects, volunteering at Vacation Bible School, performing mission work, or babysitting during religious services do qualify for community service hours

How to get started

The Community Service Guide and a list of Approved Volunteer Organizations are located on the X2Vol website – go to: <http://x2vol.com/>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1: I started NTH@C as a 10th grader, how many hours of community service will be required for me to graduate?

A1: A learner who started NTH@C in 10th grade is required to have 10 hours of community service per school year. For graduation, the learner must have at least 30 hours total of community service (10 hours in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades).

Q2: Can I count community service hours I did over the summer?

A2: All verified and approved summer hours may be included in the following school year's count, i.e., summer 2019 hours count toward the 2019-2020 school year.

Q4: How do I count my community service work, hour-wise?

A4: Count each hour of actual work as one hour and round hours to the half hour mark as needed, i.e. 16 minutes beyond an hour can be rounded to 1.5 hours and 46 minutes beyond an hour can be rounded to two hours.

Q5: How do I find non-profit organizations for whom to work?

A5: Opportunities will be emailed to you by Ms. Hynson. You may also ask your parents, neighbors, and friends for suggestions. If you are unsure whether an organization qualifies under the community service guidelines, please check with Mrs. Hynson. You can also check the list of approved organization in X2Vol. Go to: <http://x2vol.com/>

Q6: If I have a question about whether an organization meets the guidelines for community service hours, who should I ask for the guidance?

A6: Please see Mrs. Hynson for all community service hour questions.

Q7: May I count service hours twice? For example, if I perform service hours for scouting, can those same hours also count at NTH@C?

A7: Yes, you may count service for fulfilling each organization's requirements.

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