

MIDDLE SCHOOL GERSTELL ACADEMY

Community Service Hours Report Form

Note: Students and parents should review the Community Service Guidelines on the reverse side PRIOR to service activity.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

GRADE _____ ADVISOR _____

STUDENT NAME _____

ACTIVITY _____

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Time Record To be completed by adult site supervisor
Dates of service ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
HOURS EARNED: _____
_____ Signature of Adult Project Supervisor

Reflection to be completed by student: (If you need additional space please attach a separate sheet) Now that you have completed your service-learning project you are ready to write a description of your activity. Tell why you chose to do this project. What is the mission or goal of the organization where you served? What were your responsibilities, and what did you actually do?

How did you fulfill the definition of leadership or exemplify the elements of what leaders do? Which Gerstell Academy Principles and Attributes did you best exemplify in your service? How did your actions make you feel? How do you think the community benefited from your actions? Would you select this project again?

Community Service at Gerstell Academy

Middle School students are required to perform a total of thirty (30) hours of Community Service in an approved setting by the first Friday in April of their 8th grade year.

Students will perform at least ten (10) hours of Community Service each year of their Middle School experience towards that goal. Five (5) of these service hours should be outside Gerstell Academy and five (5) hours should be within the school. Service hours above the annual ten (10) hour requirement are certainly encouraged, but will not reduce the annual requirement for subsequent years. Our goal is to build an ongoing involvement in Community Service. Advisors will supervise this service and assist students in tracking their progress and meeting their yearly requirement.

Examples of possible service activities are:

- **Direct Service** such as tutoring or helping at a nursing home
- **Indirect Service** such as organizing a food drive or cleaning up the Bay
- **Advocacy Projects** such as MADD, Just Say No, or DARE.
- **School Service** such as Open Houses, Shadow Days, Holiday Projects

Service-Learning activities must have prior approval from the Middle School Administration. Students shall: **not** be paid for their service; **not** earn hours for service to a for-profit business; **not** earn hours for service in preparation for or during religious services (e.g. church choir); **not** earn hours for assisting family members with tasks such as cutting the lawn or babysitting. Please check with the Middle School office if you need clarification.

A **Community Service Award** will be given at the Middle School graduation ceremonies each year to students who display excellence in the area of service to their community.