

## Service Hours Guidelines for St. Petersburg Christian School

**Community Service** is defined as identifying and addressing a social issue in the community. This requires students to look beyond themselves and reach out to an issue faced by our society today (i.e. poverty, abuse, elderly citizens, homelessness, animals, persons w/ disabilities, environment, etc.).

**Volunteer Service** is defined as assisting where needed and does not necessarily address a social issue. (i.e. office work, helping @ an event, helping w/ on campus activities, etc.)

*Based on these definitions, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Petersburg Christian School will be expected to complete the following:*

- All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are **REQUIRED** to complete 15 service hours as a graduation requirement.
  - **MUST have a minimum of 5 hours of Community related service hours**  
Please see the definition above to determine community service hours
  - **No more than 10 hours of Volunteer related service hours** Please see definition above to determine volunteer service hours. This includes church-related volunteer service (i.e. serving on greeting team, Vacation Bible School, helping with preschoolers, etc) & on campus related activities (mentoring, tournaments, assisting teachers, etc.)
  - Service hours earned toward graduation may be started the summer prior to the student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade year beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Students who do NOT meet the graduation requirement will have their diploma & final records withheld until requirement is completed w/ documentation.
- All **NJHS Members** are **REQUIRED** to complete an **additional 20 service hours**. Students may begin working on their NJHS hours as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who do NOT meet this requirement will not receive the NJHS Cords and/or Medal at Graduation.
- **All service hours must be pre-approved.** Hours that are not pre-approved, will NOT be accepted. Please email Mrs. Kraus – [krausa@stpetechristian.org](mailto:krausa@stpetechristian.org) - for pre-approval & attach a copy of the email to service form. This is for your benefit.
- Students should keep a copy of all paperwork submitted to the school office for their records.
- Students must perform service hours during **non-school hours** with the exception of approved on-campus or school sponsored activities.
- **All activities must have the signature & contact information of the person who supervised the service hours.** Parents and family members may not serve as a supervisor for service hours and therefore may not sign the Record of Service Hours form.
- Students may NOT complete their hours in a for-profit business.
- **Summer hours** must be submitted by **August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**
- All service hours completed in the **first semester** must be submitted by December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- All service hours completed in the **second semester** or over the Christmas Break must be submitted by April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.