

Community Service

Purpose

The purpose of the community service requirement at Steele Canyon High School is to help students become well-rounded, empathetic young adults. Additionally, community service helps students find purposeful passion, leading them towards satisfying professional lives.

Social-Emotional Benefits of Community Service

- Develop compassion and empathy towards others as you see the complex lives and struggles faced by others in your community
- Gain a more extensive view of the world than a high school classroom can provide
- Develop a sense of connectedness and civic responsibility

Academic and / or Professional Benefits of Community Services

- View various scenarios that happen in workplaces and have the opportunity to activate critical thinking skills and make connections to knowledge gained in educational settings
- Develop relationships with adults in profession of interest
- Develop a well-rounded application for college admissions - demonstrating maturity and commitment to both personal goals and community wellness

Fully participating in one's community, via community service, allows for repayment of the generosity and kindness that has been shown by others.

Requirements

Community service is a requirement at Steele Canyon High School. A student must have 40 documented hours by the time he / she presents his / her Senior Exhibition.

Transfer students are required to have 10 hours of community service for each full year at Steele Canyon

If a student transfers to SCHS as a senior, he / she needs 10 hours of community service

If a student transfers to SCHS as a junior, he / she need 20 hours of community service

If a student transfers to SCHS as a sophomore, he / she needs 30 hours of community service

Documentation

Community Service must be documented with a letter written by the person who supervised the activity. The community service must be completed at an organization that has letterhead.

The adult supervisor must include the following items in your letter

- *the days, dates, and hours of your service
- *the nature of your work during those hours
- *his or her full name, his or her working hours, and contact information that includes both an email and a phone number

Location of Service Hours

Only 20 hours of the required 40 hours may be served on the campus of Steele Canyon. This includes activities such as running a scoreboard at a game, Cougar Crew, campus clean-up, etc.

Resources

Please see the Senior Exhibition coordinator for ideas about your community service. You may also check the website - www.volunteermatch.org - to search for volunteer opportunities in San Diego county.

Sampling of Acceptable Community Service Hours

Acceptable

- Interning or volunteering at “not for profit” professional organizations that align with your career goals
 - Sharp Hospital
 - Local police and firefighter squadrons
 - San Diego City Government
 - Local government entities- The city of Spring Valley, El Cajon, Alpine, La Mesa
- Animal rescue
- Beach / city / park clean-up
- Working at charity events
- Referee / coach sports for children or disabled
- Donating time to local institutions like libraries, nursing homes
- On campus volunteering for school functions (up to 20 hours)

Unacceptable

- Helping neighbor catch her cat
- Pulling weeds
- Pushing a friend’s wheelchair to the bus
- Reading to kids while baby-sitting
- Tutoring for money
- Peer tutoring at SCHS and getting the course credit as well
- Internship for a “for-profit” business
- Anything you received compensation for - either money or school credit

Sample Community Service Letter



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To Whom it May Concern:

Damaris Gonsalves was a volunteer at Steele Canyon's annual "Open House" for prospective and incoming students. She performed the following activities on the listed days and dates.

Monday, October 25th, 2015	Prepared materials for parents, painted posters, set up gym	4 hours
Tuesday, October 26th, 2015	Led parents on school tours while responding to questions	4 hours
Saturday, October 30th, 2015	Led parents on school tours while responding to questions	4 hours

Her service totaled 12 hours. My work hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. and you may reach me at 619-660-3643 or jkoller@schscougars.org with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Koller

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Open House Coordinator