



COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT GUIDELINE

As a graduation requirement, each student must complete **thirty hours of voluntary community service** in one or more non-profit organizations. These hours may be attained through service to a variety of non-profit groups, community organizations and/or school activities. To be considered for community service hours, activities must in no way be related to assignments in any credit bearing courses. For example, students who have to prepare an after-school meal to senior citizens as a classroom assignment would not be able to use those hours for their community service requirement. If students volunteered several hours to serve the meal to senior citizens or clean up the senior center, those hours could be used. *Students also will not be able to use volunteer hours which are required by an outside organization. As an example, if a church youth group required each member to volunteer for ten hours as part of a program requirement; this time could not be counted in meeting the LHHS requirement.*

The community service form will be available in the school counseling office. Students will be responsible for completing the cover page of the form. The completed form must then be signed by an appropriate official of the sponsoring group or activity, who must in no way be related to the student.

The thirty hours of community service hours may be accrued anytime after graduation from eighth grade. Community service hours must be completed by May 1 of the senior year to meet this graduation requirement.

Students transferring to Lyman Hall High School will have the amount of community service hours pro-rated. As an example, a senior transfer student would only have to accrue seven and a half hours of volunteer time, instead of thirty.

Students may be exempted from this requirement for religious or other reasons only at the discretion of the school principal or his/her designee.

Lists of participating non-profit organizations will be kept in the school counseling office. Wanda I. Guzman, Director of the United Way Volunteer Center, 235-4403 is also a resource person parents can contact directly. Students can also access the following website www.volunteersolutions.org for a listing of additional volunteer opportunities.