

## NorthPointe Christian High School Service Requirement

The NorthPointe Christian School Board has approved a service requirement as part of the high school Bible curriculum. Students must complete the required hours at each grade level in order to receive credit in Bible; however, the completion of the requirement will not affect the student's grade.

### Why is this a requirement?

1. We require students to practice what the school believes are important objectives for a well-rounded graduate, e.g., writing good sense, solving problems, worshiping God, etc. Serving others certainly is part of discipleship and learning to "impact the world for Christ".
2. If we expect our students to develop a servant lifestyle, we need to help them make service a priority. We can give them positive models and experiences in which they can learn servant skills.
3. NorthPointe Christian's goals (Policy Manual, Article IV) include service. We expect students to "learn of God's plan and purpose for their lives and prepared for productive service in the local church, "to develop sensitivity for the needs of others," and to "demonstrate God's unconditional love to mankind."
4. NorthPointe Christian seeks to help students identify their gifts and talents and direct them to Christ's service: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (I Peter 4:10).
5. Service experiences are important in helping students integrate their faith, learning and actions into a distinctively Christian lifestyle.
6. As our students become involved with community agencies, their service becomes a living testimony to NorthPointe Christian Schools' commitment to developing servant hearts and skills in our students.

### How do students fulfill the requirement?

1. The required number of hours, by grade, for a *full* year are the following:  
Grade 9 - Ten hours of service  
Grade 10- Ten hours of service  
Grade 11- Fifteen hours of service  
Grade 12- Fifteen hours of service
2. All service hours must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Must be completed with NPCCS Service Hours Evaluation Form turned in by April 15 of each school year (The service hour year runs from April 16 to April 15).
  - b. Must be supervised and attested to by a non-family member adult (parental supervision acceptable in certain circumstances).
  - c. Must be activities that clearly serve the unmet needs of others.
  - d. May include hours that are required or offered from other agencies, e.g., National Honor Society service, church or youth group service, etc.
  - e. Will almost always occur outside the school day and may not interfere with

- classes.
- f. May include service at more than one agency.
  - g. Cannot be done for *pay* or *performance*, e.g., high school plays, chorale, choir, band, orchestra, etc.
  - h. Cannot be done for a family member, i.e., meaning for their benefit, although family members may *co-serve* others.
  - i. Cannot be hours assigned by a court, judge or a Saturday detention.

**What specifically do students have to do?**

1. There is a list of [Serving Opportunities](#) on the NPCCS website under Parent Resources. The list simply serves as specific places that invite volunteers; students may find places to serve on their own.
2. After performing their service, each student must return the [NPCCS Service Hours Evaluation Form](#), with all required explanations and signatures, to the high school office. The forms must be turned by **April 15** of the current school year but may be turned in as soon as any service is completed (the service hour year runs from April 16-April 15). Each student may choose to serve their hours one or more agencies.
3. Students will receive **no credit** for Bible (and no grade) if they fail to complete the service requirement. Seniors who fail to complete the requirement will not graduate with their class because Bible is required for graduation.