



40 Hours Community Service/Involvement

A graduation requirement, students are to complete Community Involvement Hours towards obtaining their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Forty (40) hours are required, working with one or multiple organizations in consultation with their parents, guardian, or school staff. A student under 18 years of age must have the signed consent of his or her parents to take part in community involvement activities. Selected activities should suit the age, maturity and ability of the individual student. Community involvement activities are unpaid.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

STUDENTS/FAMILIES

- select eligible activities
- complete and document each activity
- obtain confirmation from the supervisor following each activity
- provide the community involvement information to the school documenting a minimum of 40 hours of service
- choose whether to purchase optional Student Accident Insurance for additional protection as there is no Workplace Safety Insurance provided through the Board

BOARD

- develop a list of approved activities
- approve activities which meet both Board and Ministry criteria
- provide liability insurance coverage for students and community sponsors, for claims arising out of the students' volunteer activities

SPONSORS

- provide training, equipment and/or special preparation that is required for the student volunteer
- provide a safe environment for the activity
- supervise the student volunteer to ensure safe work practices
- verify the dates and hours of volunteer work completed by signing the student's Community Involvement Record Book
- provide accident and damage protection under terms of the sponsor's insurance

SCHOOL

- provide information about the community involvement requirement to parents, students and community Members
- assist students with planning and tracking of community involvement activities
- record the successful completion of the community involvement requirement in the student's official transcript

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