

Question –

Do you have a public service component in your school as a graduation requirement, a component of the curriculum, or as a strictly volunteer program? How do you handle liability concerns? And would you be willing to share your program with my staff who are interested in pursuing a public service initiative for students?

WE have 24 hours of Community Service that must be completed before a student can graduate.

Mrs. Madelyn Gabry is our Community Service Coordinator.

She can be contacted at mgabry@d230.org

I am sure we would be willing to share information with your district and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Wheaton Warrenville South currently has no public service requirement for graduation. Students applying for National Honor Society membership are required to have forty hours of community service by the time they apply in their junior year and are required to have an additional 20 hours by the need of their senior year.

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Consolidated High School District 230 (Andrew, Sandburg and Stagg High Schools) has a 24-hour Community Service (service learning) graduation requirement that has been in place since 1992. Although a graduation requirement, it is run as a separate entity, not tied to a class. I coordinate the program at Andrew and have since its start. I would be willing to meet with your staff to discuss this highly successful program.

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We do have a service component as a requirement for our graduation. This is also done in conjunction with our Junior Theology Classes and there is a mandatory paper that every student must write about his service. We could present this at your school if you would like.

Brendan Bedell
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All of the students of District 230 (Sandburg, Andrew and Stagg) must complete 24 hours of community service as a graduation requirement. Each building houses its own CS office who coordinates opportunities for students.

Our contact at Sandburg is Brian Berg (bberg@d230.org) or Nancy Kermer (nkermer@d230.org)

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At West Aurora High School, we have numerous opportunities for school, district, and community service through many organizations. However, no service of this nature is required for graduation. Our sports teams have a community service component; our National Honor Society does too. We also have a Community Service Club and a Student Ambassador organization. Community Service Club does Big Brother, Big Sister and like organizations. Ambassadors do the school, district, and community services including a mentoring component.

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For this year I have added a volunteer requirement to Student Council Class of 2008. Students are required to have 30 hours collected between August and May. It is not a very structured program but it is "in the works".

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Stevenson has a Graduation Service HONOR. It is honoring special students at graduation that have gone above and beyond. Our feeling is that this is a better approach "a carrot on the stick" that encourages students to choose service rather than having to force them and creating negative feelings. Ted Goergen at Stevenson is our contact person. The honor is for students who complete 300 hours of Community Service throughout their high school years. We start working with freshmen about the honor and are continually promoting it.

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Naperville Central does not have a public service requirement for graduation. However, several courses do require community service hours as a part of the grade. We also have several community service clubs, such as Rotary Interact Club, Big Buddies (works with Autistic kids), etc.

Lynne

Dean of Student Activities
Naperville Central High School

I am the community service coordinator at our school and it is strictly a volunteer program. We do offer incentives for students so they will be interested in doing community service. I am willing to give you more information if you like. You can contact me at 630-636-2041.

Janice McCann
Counselor Oswego High School

lyn scolaro forwarded an email to me regarding public service Prospect High School our service program is strictly voluntary. our students have to furnish proof of insurance or buy district insurance for a small fee.

I would be glad to share any information regarding our program. please don't hesitate to contact me. thanks.

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