

## GTCHS Student Service Hours cont.

### Service Hour Timeframe:

- Returning students may work on service hours year-round.
- Incoming 9th graders and new students may begin logging hours the summer immediately prior to enrollment.

### Student Service Hour Documentation:

Community service hour logs are due no later than the third Friday in May.

Community Service Hour Logs are available from the Assistant Principal of Student Services. Students are individually responsible for keeping track of their service hours on the Community Service Hour Log Sheet.

All service hours must be signed at the time of service.

If a student exceeds the number of hours in a school year, the hours may be carried over to the next academic year only.

### What if we do not accumulate 50 hours?

If a student does not fulfill the community service requirement, that student will not “walk” at graduation. Hours are to be kept by the student’s advisor and will be totaled at the end of 4 years.

### Student questions about Service Hours:

Students should direct questions to the Assistant Principal of Student Services and their advisor.



# GTCHS Community Service Hour Guide

## Students & Parents

Effective 2019-2020 School Year



## Greenville Technical Charter High School

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## GTCHS Parent Service Hours

The success of GTCHS depends greatly on parent involvement. We want to partner with our parents for the success of our students. We ask that parents donate 1 hour of service per week for each enrolled family. Each parent/guardian(s) is asked to volunteer on behalf of the school 18 hours each.

### Parent Service Opportunities:

- The Charter Café, working the lunch shifts
- School beautification
- Helping with a school-sponsored event
- Sports or Club assistance
- Volunteering by mentoring a student
- Office assistance for mailings
- Carpool

To sign up for these opportunities and more, please visit our website at [www.gtchs.com](http://www.gtchs.com) and select the SignUp Genius link (click the lightbulb icon in the upper right hand corner of the website)

### Donations are also accepted to fulfill parent volunteer hours:

- Ink cartridges/toner for printers
- Reams or Boxes of copy paper
- Office & school supplies *\$10 worth of donated items = 1 service hour*
- Monetary donations *\$10 monetary donation = 1 service hour credit (donations to the annual campaign and building fund are not considered community service hours)*

### Parent Service Hour Documentation:

Please be prepared to report your parent service hours each spring. Information will be sent at that time via the Weekly Warrior and through advisory.

### Questions about Parent Service Hours:

Please direct any questions for parent volunteer opportunities to our School Development Coordinator.

## GTCHS Student Service Hours

In an effort to foster civic responsibility and engagement and to prepare our students to be well-rounded community members, students are required to complete 50 hours of service annually. At least 10 (but no more than 20) of these hours should be in school volunteering.

### Student Service Opportunities:

- School-wide community service projects offered
- Tutoring (see Director of Smart Center for tutoring opportunities)
- Yard work (excluding family members or able-bodied neighbors)
- Teaching Sunday School or assisting with other church activities (up to 25 hours)
- Helping at a soup kitchen or food bank
- Volunteering at a hospital
- Working at an animal shelter
- Volunteering at a community event (ex. Fall for Greenville, United Ministries Walk for the Homeless, etc.)
- Volunteering at a nursing home (ex. Senior Action)
- Mission Trip up to 25 hours
- Carpool driver up to 20 hours (excludes family members)
- Preparing for or working a school event (that is not part of a club requirement)
- Assisting a teacher or staff member with a school project outside of normal school hours

**Our philosophy: service should help someone who is in need and can not help themselves**

### Hours that do NOT meet Service Hour Guidelines for students:

- Any activity for which one was paid
- An activity completed for family members (including grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, parents)
- Any activity receiving academic credit
- Donations of supplies, paper, etc. to the school
- Any activity that is fulfilling a club or club officer requirement

### Service by grade-level through Advisories:

In our Advisories, we ask each group to choose a community project or service. This is another opportunity to acquire service hours.