

GTCHS Student Service Hours cont.

Service Hour Timeframe:

- Returning students may work on service hours year-round.
- Student hours do roll over to the next year (and only the next year); students are required to have a minimum of 50 hours per year in order to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities and to march at graduation.
- Incoming 9th graders and new students may begin logging hours starting on June 1st.

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 2023-2024



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
- Judging Speech/Debate tournaments
- Chaperoning school dances
- Helping with a school-sponsored event
- Sports or Club assistance
- Approved volunteering to tutor or mentor students
- Office assistance for mailings
- Carpool Driver (up to 20 hours per family)

To view current opportunities, please visit our website at 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:

- Reams or Boxes of copy paper
- Office & school supplies requested by the school or PIP
- Gift cards / food / items requested by PIP
\$10 worth of donated items = 1 service hour

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 volunteer opportunities to our School Development Coordinator, Misty Chidester (mchidester@staff.gtchs.org)

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 of these hours should be in school volunteering.

Student Service Out of School Options:

- School-wide community service projects offered
- Yard work (for a nonprofit OR someone who is physically incapable and not a family member)
- Teaching/leading Sunday School / volunteering at church
- Helping at a soup kitchen or food bank
- Volunteering at a nonprofit hospital
- Working at a nonprofit animal shelter
- Volunteering at a nonprofit 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 30 hours)
- Carpool driver (up to 20 hours per family & excludes family members)

Student Service In-School Options:

- Tutoring (approved through the school)
- 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 or a club requirement

Our philosophy: service is required to be for a nonprofit or to 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.