

Mitchell High School Community Service (Juniors & Seniors)

What is the community service requirement?

Students must serve a **minimum of 15 hours** of community service during their Junior and Senior year as a requirement for graduation from Mitchell High School. It is recommended that students complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service by the end of their Junior year. Students may accumulate all 15 hours in one year. Students are advised to complete the community service requirement prior to the last semester of your senior year.

What is the purpose of the community service requirement?

The purpose of the community service program is to provide all Mitchell High School students the opportunity to have a positive impact on our local community while learning that service to others is an on-going part of life. Students may accumulate more than 15 hours of community service.

What qualifies as community service?

- Community service hours must be completed at a non-profit organization.
- A student may volunteer for a single organization or at a variety of organizations.
- Students are encouraged to complete their hours in areas related to their personal interests.
- Paid experiences do not qualify.
- Working without pay at your job or for a family business does not qualify.
- Students cannot earn hours for donating items or money...only their time.
- The community service requirement will be prorated for students transferring into Mitchell High School (5 hours per semester of attendance).

How do I prove my community service hours?

Students must complete a Community Service Verification Form for each organization he/she volunteers at. A supervisor's signature is required on each form. The parent of a student may not sign as the supervisor. Verification forms are located in the main office and Counseling Office as well as on our website. Forms must be submitted within one month of the date of service and are to be turned into the Counseling Office. Hours earned over summer should be turned in at the beginning of the school year in August or mailed to Mr. Braman or Mr. Peters at Mitchell High School 1819 19th Ave. Mitchell, NE 69357. The deadline for submitting community service hours is March 1st of graduating year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

*The Scotts Bluff County Special Olympics

* Help at the elementary school or at the high school after school (Parent Teachers Conference, Penny Carnival, etc.)

*Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), National Honor Society (NHS), or other school related organizations.

* Volunteer at Mitchell Care Center

* Volunteer at the YMCA.

* Volunteer at your church or with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

* Scotts Bluff County Humane Society

