

## Community Service @ Anderson New Tech High School

In order to meet graduation requirements, every student at ANTHS is required to participate in school or community service ten hours each school year, for a total of 40 service hours prior to receiving a diploma. At least 20 hours of the 40 total must be community service as defined below. Part of the mission of the school is to educate our students about the current and historical value of community service in America.

Community Service is benefitting, and of service to the community *greater good* (typically, groups, organizations and activities in Northern California). Serving Non-profits such as Haven Humane, Shasta Women's Refuge and Good News Rescue Mission are examples of typical Community Service. There is no personal gain in community service – for example, there is no money earned for the school or the student's benefit.

School Service is any service that is (1) offered by the school (summer cleaning, Hawes, etc.), (2) performed during regular school hours (if you get out of school to do the service, it is on school time), or (3) is a function of the representatives of the school (fund-raising, etc.).

Activities in support of a student's church may be divided into (1) the church serving the community, as in a clean-up day sponsored by the church, or (2) a church support activity – teaching a group of young churchgoers, or helping with the sound system during church services. (1) is classified as community service, and (2) is classified as school service since it serves the church, but not the "greater good" of the community. Similarly, being a member of the boy scouts may result in activities which serving the scouts and scouting (an example of #2) or an activity which benefits the entire community and is organized by the scouts. Likewise, the school could organize an activity which, if it served the greater good of the community, could count as community service.

WES Camp, middle school mentoring, and donating blood are examples of special situations where the school facilitates but does not sponsor the activity. Students who serve a week at WES Camp will be granted 25 hours of community service for a 4-day camp, and 35 hours for a 5-day camp at the Whiskeytown Environmental School. Mentoring at Anderson Middle School is a service that counts for community service. Donating blood will count one hour toward community service. There are many specific requests for community service that may be subject to interpretation, and must therefore be considered by the school principal and staff on a case by case basis. Students who have such situations should contact Mrs. Allison or Mrs. Martinusen.

Students shall report school and community service hours to Mrs. Martinusen following their service event on the school approved form, which includes the signature of the sponsor, advisor, or responsible adult. Whenever possible, students should clear their service with their Studies teachers prior to the service time. Summer service should be reported during the first month of each school year. Service completed prior to the summer between 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade is not included in service hours for the ANTHS graduation requirement.

