

Cumberland Christian School

1100 W. Sherman Avenue
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CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

A Statement of Philosophy and Procedures

The purpose of the Christian Service Requirement is to assist and to encourage students to apply their learning in practical service to others. Service to others is a characteristic desired of CCS graduates. Our example is Jesus Christ, Himself, who "did not come to be served, but to serve ..." Matthew 20:28.

Each junior and senior is required to complete a minimum of thirty hours of approved Christian volunteer service each year.

Approval for all work must be secured before October 15. A school form will be provided to each student in advance which will require the signature of the student, parent, and pastor/supervisor of this volunteer work. That form, describing the volunteer work, will be approved by the appropriate school authorities. The student may then begin the service. Work for the appropriate school year must be completed before April 30 of that year.

The work does not always have to be in the local church, but the preference is that it should be related to a Christian organization. Attendance at your church services would not count. Senior service at school or any CCS related service (such as SOAP), would not count. Students may not be dismissed from school during regular school days or hours and receive credit for this requirement. There can be no remuneration for such service. It is required that students be accountable to someone other than a parent, guardian, or relative. In such cases where the parent is directly responsible for a particular ministry or activity, the pastor or alternative church leader should be identified as the site supervisor.

Summer ministry can be counted for the following year provided it is approved before school is out in the previous school year. Exceptions "may" be made to this in emergency situations if requested before September 15, but any such exceptions need to meet the normal criteria and if approved they will have additional requirements.

The service can include such ministries as:

- provide any form of service in or for the church
- teach or assist in Sunday School or Vacation Bible School, be an active member of the evangelization program or class, sing in the choir, or usher
- provide musical accompaniment in the worship service, visit or assist the elderly, sick, infirm, or the hospitalized; make meals for shut-ins, the elderly, or the needy; work in the nursery
- provide academic tutoring to an individual in your church, work on the church newsletter
- do maintenance or building work at church or for needy church members
- mow the church lawn
- any service activity for individuals of your community which is done in the name of your church
- do volunteer work for Christian organizations - Salvation Army, Boardwalk Chapel, Trevor's Place, etc.

The above are some suggestions. If you have other ideas, do not hesitate to ask the Bible teacher or your pastor.

If there is any risk in the volunteer work the student performs, the student and parents need to make sure there is adequate insurance coverage through their family or through the agency for which the student is volunteering.

All service must be completed after approval by CCS is secured. Approval is secured by turning in this form to the Guidance Office for approval by the school authorities. All approval is granted with the understanding that these criteria have been met. Any exceptions to the above policies would have to be provided in writing by appropriate school authorities.

At the conclusion of this service, the pastor/supervisor will evaluate the work done. The school will give the student credit on a pass/fail basis. No other grade will be issued. The service, however, must be completed in a satisfactory manner each year as a graduation requirement.

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Approval Form for Junior-Senior Christian Service Requirements

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name and Address of Church of Agency: _____

Name and Address of Site Supervisor: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Position of Site Supervisor: _____

1. Description of Program: _____

2. When will the student begin the Christian Service Program: _____ / _____ / _____

3. What are the number of hours that will be involved in this service? _____ hours

3. What will be the expected times of service to reach the agreed upon hours?

If a student is completing two types of service with two different supervisors to complete the thirty hour requirement, a separate form must be completed for each.

Approval

Approval is automatically granted with the understanding that all the requirements as described on the opposite side of this form are met and followed. Please indicate if an additional copy of this form is required: A copy is necessary A copy is not necessary

Pastor/Site Supervisor: _____ Date: _____
Student: _____ Date: _____
Parents: _____ Date: _____
School Approval: _____ Date: _____

The form must be returned to the Guidance Office before the student begins the work, but no later than **October 15** for final approval.

When the work is completed, to receive credit, the student should immediately have the supervisor complete an evaluation form and forward it to the CCS Guidance Office. **All work must be completed by April 30 of the school year.**