

LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ARROYO GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL
A California Distinguished School

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Dear Parents,

One of the graduation requirements of Arroyo Grande High School is the completion of 20 total hours of Community Support. These hours are required outcomes for U.S. History, Government, and Economics courses. Through this requirement, students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of being a part of and giving back to the community.

Students who have completed their sophomore year may immediately began working towards the completion of the mandatory 20 community service hours. **Juniors** must complete a minimum of 5 hours each semester, **a minimum of 10 hours total during their junior year. Seniors are required to complete 10 hours by the end of their first semester.** Students are rewarded for early completion of their service hours while grades are lowered for students who do not complete their mandated hours by the required dates (suggested dates below).

Seniors

100% before October 12th
70% before December 14th

Juniors (1st semester)

100% before October 12nd
70% before December 14th

Juniors (2nd semester)

100% before March 22nd, 2019
70% before May 31st, 2019

Given that grading requirements vary by course, Social Studies teachers are at liberty to both select completion deadlines other than the suggested dates above as well determine the point values for hours submitted past their deadlines. Regardless, **students who have not met the required semester deadlines above, regardless of the status of any other component of their grade, will receive a NC (no credit) on their semester report card** until such time as the late hours are submitted and approved. Any student receiving a NC grade will also be placed on an Activity Ban and will not be allowed to attend extra curricular activities.

All community service must be completed through a **non-profit organization** (please refer to the suggested list). **If a student wishes to volunteer for an organization that is not on the list and/or a parent intends to supervise the community service hours of their own student(s), they must obtain prior approval from the Social Studies Department Chair (contact information below).** Community Service Forms are available in Social Studies classes, on the AGHS website under Forms, Files, and Policies, and from Mrs. Lawrence in the Records office. Additional volunteer opportunities can be found at <http://www.volunteerslo.org> and through Mrs. Lawrence.

We have found this to be a very worthwhile program. In fact, often AGHS students are already involved in some type of community support activities. Please contact me at 474-3200 ext. 2306 or email at emily.francis@lmusd.org with any questions.

Cordially,

Emily Francis
Social Studies Department Chair