

CISD Graduation Requirements and Black & Gold Service Cord Program



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Crandall ISD believes that Community Service is a great aspect of learning for each child. This graduation requirement is implemented in order to have the opportunity to learn the skills needed to be successful working with others while giving back. Students will be better prepared for college and the future beyond high school.

The following is a list of guidelines in the

1. What is CISD Community Service Graduation Requirement?

The Community Service Program is Graduation Requirement that would be in addition to all other academic and testing requirements for graduation. All students would be expected to gain 24 hours of Community Service before graduation. The hours are set up to gain a minimum of 6 hours per year in high school.

2. What types of service will qualify as community service?

Only those hours performed by a student WITHOUT COMPENSATION with an APPROVED NONPROFIT 501©3 organization will qualify for community service approval. There is an almost endless list of volunteer opportunities for students. Organizations such as the American Red Cross, Special Olympics, and the CISD PTAs are always looking for volunteers. Church-sponsored activities addressing physical needs such as collecting clothing and blankets, building projects, etc., may be included while religion-based activities, such as teaching Bible school, may not. A partial list of approved organizations can be found at the end of this handbook.

3. When can a student start recording community service hours?

Students may begin accruing community service hours the summer after the eighth grade.

4. Can a transfer student participate in the program?

A Transfer student may participate in the Community Service program. The 24 required community service hours will be pro-rated based on the year the student becomes a student in the district as follows: each year would require 6 hours.

5. How often should hours be turned in for credit?

Students keep track of their hours as they are accumulated. Students should use a device in the counseling center or on their phone to log in to x2Vol online system.

NOTE: *One exception is a mission trip. If the church coordinator/sponsor signs off the total number of hours for the mission trip, itemization is not required. Mission trip sleep times and religious prayer times do not count toward the total hours.*

It is advised that students keep copies of their logs for college applications..

6. When do the 24 hours of community service need to be completed?
Hours must be turned in by April of the year the student graduates. The specific date will be communicated throughout the school year.
7. Who can a student call if there is a question about posted community service hours?
Hours are posted monthly on the Community Bulletin boards in the high school. If you feel the hours posted are incorrect, contact a Community Service Board member. The phone numbers for the board members are available in the Counseling Offices.
8. Do activities need to be pre-approved?
Established 501©3 organizations need no pre-approval. However if the student doesn't know whether or not the intended organization has a 501©3 status, she should check with the Community Service Board prior to volunteering to assure approval. Board member names and phone numbers are available in the Counseling Office and on the Community Service bulletin boards located outside the main administration office in the high school. There is an approval process the student can initiate to seek approval for an organization. If the organization has not been pre-approved, a student may count only if and after the organization receives approval as a community service site.
9. What is the process for receiving approval for an organization if you are unsure that it has an approved 501c3 status?
Remember: an organization must have 501c3 nonprofit status to qualify as an approved community service site.

NOTE: *Performing a random act of kindness – such as babysitting for a family who has had a crisis – does not count as community service hours.*

If you are unsure if an organization has 501c3 status, there are two methods for acquiring approval:

1. *Student Initiated* – **Before** a student performs community service at an organization that may need approval, the student completes the Pre-Approval form which is available in the Counseling Office. There is information required from the sponsor of the organization as well. Once completed, the form is submitted to the Community Service Board for approval and the form is returned to the student for logging the hours.
2. *Organization Initiated* – A representative from an organization may also complete and submit the Pre-approval Form to the Community Service Board for approval of service activities in which students are asked to participate.

10. Can a student appeal a disallowed activity?

A student may request an appeal hearing before the Community Service Board. The student will be given the opportunity to discuss the merits of the appeal. The decision of the Board following that hearing is final.

11. What are examples of community service count/do not count toward your hours?

COUNTS

All non-profit organizations (G.R.A.C.E., churches, schools, City of Southlake, etc.)

Hours earned the summer after 8th grade

Hour for hour volunteer time

Church support related activities – (babysitting, mission trips, music ministry, etc.)

Volunteering outside the student's scheduled school day

Teen Court – youth volunteer

Volunteering time for fundraiser for charity

Volunteering time to help in any non-family member's political campaign

Tutoring through National Honor Students Society or by teacher referral

Volunteer training orientations

DOES NOT COUNT

Babysitting your neighbor's child for free; working for a doctor's office without pay

Hours earned K – 8th grades

Double hours promised by sponsors

Helping the teacher during class time; volunteer time that is part of the course requirement

Teen Court – time served for breaking the law

Volunteering time for band function that earns you money for a future band trip

Volunteering time to help your Mom or Dad or other family member run for office

Tutoring your neighbor or friends because they asked for help

Leadership training/programs

12. Why volunteer in your community?

There are many reasons to volunteer. These are just a few...

Through volunteer service, people can strengthen and improve the quality of life within their communities and help themselves and others to live happier, healthier and more productive lives.

Individual volunteering is beneficial because it helps build self-esteem, passes on social values and instills the responsibility of volunteering as a personal commitment by giving back to the community through service.

Community service hours can be used for college applications and work applications.

Volunteer work can introduce you to a future career and give you valuable experience and insight.

13. What is expected of you as a volunteer by the organization?

To be reliable to your commitment

To work within the guidelines and standards of the agency

To accept and follow directions of the agency staff

To make sure you understand the directions given to you and seek clarification, if needed

To actively perform tasks to the best of your ability

To provide feedback to the agency staff

To report any problems to the agency staff

A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see;

who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted

persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens – citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization.

--George Bush

14. What should you expect from the organization as a volunteer?

To be advised of the agency's standards, guidelines, and expectations

To be given meaningful assignments

To be given a clear statement of tasks to be performed

To be informed of organizational policies and procedures

To be given effective supervision

To be recognized for work performed

Black and Gold Community Service Program is a program which gives special recognition to students who complete 75 hours of community service work within the time frame of a single year.

Documentation of Community Service

- All community service time performed by a student must be documented within the x2Vol online system.
- The Service hours must be accumulated between the last day of school to the last day of the next school year. Community service documentation will be deemed valid only if recorded, logged, verified, **and approved** within the aforementioned time frame.
- All submissions must include a **specific** description of service, all dates (not ranged of dates) service was performed, number of service hours per date and contact information for verifying service hours. Contact information **MUST** include an email address as the person signing off on the hours will receive a verification email.

- Each student is solely responsible for submitting his/her own documentation of the hours through the x2Vol online system. Any incomplete submissions (no description, no volunteer coordinator email, ranges of dates versus specific dates, etc.) will be rejected by the committee.

Tallying of Community Service Hours

Students who have logged any service time in the program will be informed of their total number of committee verified hours after the first semester. There will be a second time log notification at the end of the school year.

APPROVED Community Service Organizations

Buckner Orphan Care International	Dallas Children’s Museum
Central Dallas Ministries	Dallas Heritage Village
TEAM Fort Worth – FWISD	Dickinson Place Charitable Corporation
American Red Cross/Dallas Area Chapter	Friends Forever of North Texas
Assisting Teens in Crisis Inc.	Friends of the Farm
Clean South Dallas/Fair Park, Inc.	Holmes Street Foundation, Inc.
Dallas Children’s Theater	Housing Crisis Center
H.O.P.E Farm, Inc./(HOPE)	Lancaster Outreach Center
North Texas Food Bank	Legacy Founders Cottage
Dallas Zoological Society, Inc.	North Central Texas Prayer Warriors Ministry
ALS Association North Texas Chapter, The	Science Place
Big Thought: A Learning Partnership	Victims Outreach
Camp Summit, Inc.	Vision Regeneration, Inc.
Child & Family Guidance Center	Advisory Board/ Booker T. Washington High School
Community Alcohol/Drug After-Program/(CADAP)	All Star Equestrian Foundation
Contemporary, The	Alzheimer’s Association, Greater Dallas Chapter
Dallas Holocaust Memorial Center	Battered Women’s Foundation
Dallas Life Foundation	Boys & Girls Clubs/Greater Dallas
Educational First Steps	Camp Fire USA Lone Star Council
Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS)	Cancer Care Services
Mentoring	Carter BloodCare/North Texas
Open Arms Home, Inc.	Children’s Medical Center of Dallas/ Vol Svcs
Reconciliation Outreach	City of Dallas/ Dallas Public Library
Remedy Addictions Counselors, Inc. (RAC)	City of Dallas/Dallas Fire-Rescue Department
Shakespeare Festival of Dallas	City of Dallas/People Helping People Inc./Housing Services Inc.
VistaCare/Fort Worth	City of Frisco
YMCA/Casa Shelter	Collin Intervention to Youth, Inc. (CITY House)
Achievement Center of Texas Builders of Hope	Cook Children’s Medical Center
CDC	Crandall Independent School District -CISD
Camp Fire USA First Texas Council	

Crisis Center
Dallas Legal Hospice
Dallas/Ft. Worth Labrador Retriever Rescue Club
Deaf Action Center
Denton County MHMR
DFW Airport Board/Ambassador Program
Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship
Family Gateway, Inc.
Greater Lakewood Shepherd's Center
Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County
Irving Cares, Inc.
Master's Senior Resources/Southwest Nursing Medical Center of Plano
Methodist Dallas Medical Center
Metrocrest Social Services
Mission Oak Cliff, Inc.
North Collin County Habitat for Humanity
Parents Against Crime and Drugs
Presbyterian Hospital/Dallas- Volunteers
Quinta Terra
Riding Unlimited
School Supply Project
Sci-Tech Discovery Center
Sharing Life Community Outreach
Texas Foundation for Educational Advancement Inc.
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Inc.
UT Southwestern University Hospitals & Clinics
Volunteers in Plano- V.I.P. Program
Watauga Public Library
YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas/Downtown Dallas
YMCA/ Metropolitan Dallas/Irving
YMCA/ Metropolitan Dallas/Lakewest
Youth Conflict Resolution Center
Youth Services Council Minimum
Arthritis Foundation, North Texas Chapter
Association of Persons Affected by Addictions
Briarwood Lutheran Ministries
CC Young Memorial Home
Center for Survivors of Torture
City of Dallas/Dallas Water Utilities
Communities in Schools of North Texas, Inc.
Communities in Schools/Dallas
Dallas Center for Developmentally Disabled
Heritage Guild of Collin County, Texas
Humanity United in Giving (HUG) Internationally
International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Juliet Fowler Homes Inc.
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society-North Texas Chapter
McKinney Avenue Transit Authority
Michael L. Hodges Ministries, Inc.
P.I.S.D./School-Age Parent Program
P.R.I.S.M.S., Inc.
Parks and Recreation/Anita Martinez
Project Transformation
Rape Crisis Center of Collin County
River Legacy Foundation
Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas/Senior Source
Shepherd's Bush
Sickle Cell Disease Association of Dallas
STAR /Children's Scholarship Fund Forth Worth
Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.
Union Community Development Corporation
Union Gospel Mission
Vickery Meadow Learning Center
West Dallas Community School
Women's Haven of Tarrant County
YMCA/ Metropolitan Dallas/Moorland
Alley's House American Red Cross/Blood Services
Big Brothers & Big Sisters/North Texas
Boys & Girls Clubs/Greater Fort Worth
Bridge Breast Center
Buckner Children and Family Services
Catholic Charities/Brady Center, Inc.
Catholic Charities/Dallas
Center for Nonprofit Management
Citizens Development Center
City of Dallas Office of Financial Services
City of Dallas/Archives-City Secretary's Office
City of Dallas/Convention and Event Services
City of Dallas/Office of Cultural Affairs
City of Dallas/Parks & Recreation/Beckley-Saner
City of Dallas/Parks & Recreation/Exline
Collin County Historical Society, Inc.
Cozby Public Library/Coppell
Crow Collection of Asian Art
Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Dallas Bethlehem Center
Dallas Black Dance Theatre
Dallas Furniture Bank
Dallas Leadership Foundation
Dallas Museum of Natural History
Dominion Training & Support Center

Easter Seals of Greater Dallas
End-Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas, Inc.
Forrest Outreach Foundation
Foundation Communities
Freedom House
Genesis Women's Shelter
Gilda's Club North Texas
Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc.
Goodwill Industries/Fort Worth, Inc.
Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife
Sanctuary
Heart House Dallas
Highland Hills UMC/ Hearts and Hands
Hope Cottage Pregnancy and Adoption Center
Hope For Children Foundation
Innercity Community Development Corporation
Interfaith Housing Coalition
KERA
Lexee's Legacy, Inc.
LifeNet Community Behavioral Healthcare
LIFT (Literacy Instruction For Texas)
Lion Hospice
Love For Kids
McKinney Avenue Contemporary
Meadows Museum-Southern Methodist
University
MEED Center
Mesquite Social Services
Metroport Meals On Wheels
North Dallas Shared Ministries
Our Children's House at Baylor
P.L.A.Y.S.
Parks & Recreation/Churchill
People Empowerment Project
Planned Living Assistance Network of North
Texas
Plano Housing Authority
RDC for Children, Inc.
Reading and Radio Resource
Refugee Services of Texas/Dallas

Richardson Symphony, Inc.
Royal Children's Homes, Inc.
Salvation Army/Garland
San Jacinto Elementary School
Senior Adult Services
Share A Smile Foundation
Skillful Living Center, Inc.
Tarrant County Government
Texas Discovery Gardens
Theatre Three, Inc.
Tony Hunt Foundation
Training For Excellence
Trinity River Mission
Universal Health Resources - Hospice
Variety- The Children's Charity of North Texas
Visiting Nurse Association/Eldercare (VNA)
Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice (VNA)
Visiting Nurse Association/Meals on Wheels
VistaCare/Dallas YMCA/ Metropolitan
Dallas/Coppell
Voice of Hope Ministries, Inc.
Volunteer Center of North Texas
WARM Place (What About Remembering Me,
Inc.), The
YMCA/ Metropolitan Dallas/Camp Grady Spruce
YMCA/ Metropolitan Dallas/Park Cities North
YMCA/ Metropolitan Dallas/Waxahachie
YMCA/Central Texas American Lung Association
YMCA/Metropolitan Fort Worth - Metro Office
YWCA/Metropolitan Dallas
Attitudes and Attire
Dallas Concilio of Hispanic Service Organizations
Dallas Historical Society
Dallas Housing Authority/Housing Opportunity
Family Care Connection
Greater Dallas Community of Churches
Missionary Ekklesia's Learning Center
Scouting
Eagle Scout programs, assisting pack leaders,
helping at summer camps

Kaufman area provides:

A Fern Norvelle Emergency Children's Shelter
Adult Protective Services
Advocacy, Inc.
Alcoholics Anonymous
American Cancer Society
American Red Cross
Andrews Center
ARC of Dallas
Attorney General's Office
Baylor University Medical Center
Bryan's House
Buckner Baptist Benevolences
Callier Center of Communication Disorders
Catholic Charities
Child Care Group
Child Protective Services
Children's Advocacy Center
Eastfield College
Emergency Aid-Kaufman Senior Center
Family Gateway
Family Peace Project
Fathers of Equal Rights
Genesis Center
Helping Angels
Jake E's Riding Round Up

Kaufman Area STAR Transit
Kaufman Christian Help Center
Lighthouse for New Hope
National Alliance on Mental Illness
New Life Food Pantry
Outreach Health Service
Partnership for Prescription Assistance
Promise House
Red Cross
Ronald McDonald House
Salvation Army
Share Center
Social Security
Soul's Harbor
Still Waters
Suicide and Crisis Center
Texas Department of Health and Human
Services
Texas Workforce Commission and Experience
The Family Place
The Purpose Project
Trinity Valley Community College
USDA Community and Economic Development