SERVICE LEARNING AT EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

Service Learning is a great way for young adults to give back to the community, to gain experience, and to grow in understanding and empathy. Service Learning provides high school students with valuable understanding of real world issues while gaining job experience, social skills, and self-discipline, which will serve them in their post-secondary years and beyond. It is becoming an important part of our youth culture, and it provides the opportunity for gaining many of the traits we want to encourage and foster in the students of Edison High School. We want service learning to be a vehicle for our students to develop as citizens who can use good problem solving skills, experience a sense of social responsibility, who recognize that young adults can make a difference in their communities, and who learn how their actions affect others.

- Students are required to document a minimum of **15 hours for new students and 20 hours for returning students** of service learning each year that they attend Edison High School.
  - A limit of 10 hours of service learning each year may be from Edison events, including:
    - Link Crew – 6 hours
    - Edison Breakfast – 2 hours
    - Edison Auction – 4 hours
  - All remaining hours must be served through community service organizations.

- Service Learning is worth 50% of the Advisory grade. Those students who do not complete their hours and paper will fail Advisory, and will, ultimately, be unable to graduate. Students who do not complete hours will also have to serve lunchtime detention until the hours are completed.

- **It is strongly recommended that students complete their service learning hours during the summer months.**

- We want students to self-select their service learning experience. There are many opportunities throughout the Portland metro area. Families are encouraged to assist their student or join with them for their service learning projects.

- Students will be required to document their service learning hours. **There is a documentation form that is used for this purpose and it is available on our website, or from advisors, and must be signed by the person who supervised the volunteer hours.** Some volunteer sites may also have their own forms for documenting work, and these are acceptable proof of hours earned, as well. Parents may sign off on service hours if a supervisor is no longer accessible.

- Along with documentation, students are also required to submit a paper, project or power point presentation reflecting on and describing their experience in quarter three. A handout explaining this assignment is available from advisory teachers.

*Please see list of possible Service Learning opportunities on the following page*
Some Service Learning Websites

- Hands on Portland  http://www.handsonportland.org/
- The Linus Project  http://projectlinusoregon.org/footer_topics/drop-off.html
- Oregon Zoo  http://www.oregonzoo.org/Volunteer/index.htm
- Multnomah Libraries  http://www.multcolib.org/vol/
- Jackson Bottom Wetland  http://www.jacksonbottom.org/
- Relay for Life  http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=57102&pg=personal&px=31169555
- The Pixie Project Animal Shelter  http://www.pixieproject.org/
- Habitat for Humanity  http://habitatportlandmetro.org/
- Red Cross  http://www.oregonredcross.org/index.asp
- Oregon Public Broadcasting  http://www.opb.org/insideopb/volunteering/individuals/
- Portland City Team  https://www.cityteam.org/PORTLAND/
- Volunteer Match  http://www.volunteermatch.org/
- Charity Walks  www.charitywalksblog.com/charity-walk-events
- Komen Portland  http://www.komenoregon.org/
- Idealist Volunteer Database  http://www.idealist.org/if/as/vol
- Schoolhouse Supplies  http://schoolhousesupplies.org/volunteer/volunteer.htm
- Animal Rescue  http://www.arlgp.org/volunteer/
- Ronald McDonald House  http://www.rmhcoregon.org
- Volunteer Ideas  http://www.ccenterprise.org/give_volunteer_form_01.htm
- Portland Impact  http://impactnw.org/
- Bicycle Transportation Alliance  http://www.bta4bikes.org
- YWCA  http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=9oILKWMCF&b=108146
- OMSI  https://www.omsi.edu/volunteer
- SOLV  http://www.solv.org/
- Hollywood Theater  http://hollywoodtheatre.org/volunteer/
- Oregon Food Bank  http://www.oregonfoodbank.org/volunteer?c=130234817608192235
- Portland Rescue Mission  http://www.portlandrescuemission.org/
- MDA Portland  http://mda.org/ways-to-help/volunteer
- Blanchet House  http://blanchethouse.org/

Political sites:
- http://www.washcodems.org/
- http://www.multdems.org/
- http://www.bluedonkeys.com/
- http://www.gopwashingtoncounty.org/
- http://www.multnomahgop.com/
- http://www.clarkcountygop.org/
- http://www.portlandgreens.org/

Writing Letters to Service Members:
- Operation Gratitude  https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/write-letters/

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ATTN: Letter Writing Program
21100 Lassen Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311-4278