



EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

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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/>
Animal Aid <http://www.animalaidpdx.org/helping/helping.php>
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.ccinterprises.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