

2013-2014 SERVICE-LEARNING INFORMATION

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE-LEARNING

A. In addition to the regular academic requirements necessary for high school graduation, USD 487 has adopted a Service-Learning requirement which must be completed to receive a certified diploma or Early Senior Release. The required number of Service-Learning hours must be completed before the student will be granted Early Senior Release or be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

B. Hours required for a student enrolled at Herington High School:

- 4 years - 40 hours required
- 3 years - 30 hours required
- 2 years - 20 hours required
- 1 year - 10 hours required

One-half of a year will count as an entire year. A minimum of 10 hours per year is recommended. A student's Service-Learning hours will be accepted when transferring from another accredited school if they are recorded as part of the student's official transcript. Other programs such as National Honors Society may not double the use of the same accumulated service hours.

C. A completed Service-Learning Assignment Form must be returned to the high school principal for evaluation and approval. This form is available in the high school counselor's office or on-line at www.heringtonschools.org.

II. SERVICE-LEARNING ADVANTAGES:

- Service-Learning hours and projects/activities can be listed on your resume', job application, and scholarship application.
- The program may lead to a career. For example; a student may decide to become a teacher after serving at a child care center, become a nurse after serving at a hospital, or become a contractor after working with Habitat for Humanity.
- The program may allow qualification for scholarships, awards, and recognition. The more hours you accumulate the more you increase your chances of winning scholarships and financial awards.
- A desired job could be secured. For example, you apply at a place you would enjoy working. The job comes down to you and another applicant. You have included your Service-Learning information on your application. If the other person has no Service-Learning, you might be the one selected.

III. EXAMPLES OF SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES:

- An individual project/volunteer activity that ties in with your classroom studies and/or your natural talents, where you give of your time freely and willingly:

A. Individual Projects: (Examples)

- Art: Give art lessons to people at a retirement home, or someone who is physically challenged.
- Communications Skills and Leadership: Help coach a debate team.
- History: Interview veterans and/or senior citizens; then document their historical accounts.
- P.E.: Coach a Special Olympics team or little league team.
- Reading and Writing: Tutor a student in reading, writing, composition and spelling.
- Science and Math: Test and evaluate your community's drinking water.
- Social Science and Civics: Teach a new American about voting, citizenship, American Government, our laws and our customs.

B. Volunteer Activities: (Examples)

Child Care Services	Big Brothers and Sisters
City/School Library	Parks and Recreation
Community Service Clubs	Hospital
Elem/Middle School Activities	Red Cross
Herington Museum	Church Activities
Tri-county Fair	Hilltop
Medicalodges	Senior Center
Scouting Community Projects	Soup Kitchen
Tutoring	Recycle Trailer
4-H Community Projects	Chamber of Commerce
High School Events/Projects	Community Events

(Questions or clarification concerning a project/activity qualifying for Service-Learning hours, contact Mrs. Hendrix, principal: E-mail: bhendrix@usd487.org , or the high school office.)

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