Giving Back Community Service Program

The goal of the Giving Back Community Service Program is to acknowledge the efforts of Lassiter High School's civic minded students who support their community and school by giving back time, talent, and energy. To qualify as a volunteer service activity it must contribute to the community and/or school without compensation.

Why institute a Service Hour Plan at Lassiter High School?

G – It is Lassiter's belief that teaching our students the value of "**giving back**" is just as important as establishing strong academic skills. Learning civic responsibility is a lifelong skill.

I – Community "**involvement**", "**improves**" self worth, "**increases**" awareness and "**interaction**" with various economic, ethnic and cultural groups.

V- "**Volunteerism**" is an excellent indicator for potential employers and colleges to understand a student's work ethic.

E-Community service helps students to recognize that we are all "**equally**" responsible for improving, and caring for our neighborhoods, surroundings and school.

Approved Activities:

- Service projects sponsored by any Lassiter school club, team or service organization.
- Time planning the fund raiser, community activity or chartable event.
- Volunteer time with any non-profit group, hospital, church, civic group or community organization.

Exclusions:

- Service time cannot be claimed for attending and participating in normal operation of Sunday school class, Choir, etc.
- No credit can be given for an Internship, unless the hours donated are above and beyond those of your regular schedule.
- No more than ½ of the volunteer hours can be accumulated from agencies outside of Lassiter High School. Service hours collected from an outside agency must be submitted on company letterhead and signed by the sponsoring adult with indication of the event and number of hours the student has volunteered.
- Students can only earn credit for their volunteer hours once.

Accumulation of Service Plan Hours

To receive a Community Service Graduation cord, students are expected to accumulate a **minimum of 200 community service hours** over a four year period at Lassiter High School. **In addition, students are able to log hours from pervious community service activities as long as they have the appropriate documentation.** Transfer students must accumulate 50 hours of community service for each year they have attended Lassiter High School. The volunteer hour sliding scale for each graduating class is as follows:

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FINAL HOURS FOR SENIORS ARE DUE BY MAY 1st of each calendar school year. Upon submission and approval, SENIORS may file a **request form** for a community service cord along with their associated class fees. Any integrity breech of this document will be brought before the Faculty Advisor Committee. Please remit forms to the counseling office.

(This form should only include hours which were served through a Lassiter Sponsor/Teacher – Letters from outside agencies should be attached).

Project	Lassiter Organization	Date	Hours	Verification Signature/Sponsor

Total Hours: _____ Student's Printed Name _____

Date: _____ Student's Signature _____ _____

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REQUEST FORM

Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____

I certify that I have accumulated _____ community service hours for this school year. Attached are Letters from outside agencies which represent my community service time away from Lassiter. I understand that at least 50% of the total community service hours required for recognition should come from a school sponsored club/activity/ organized event . My community service hours must be submitted to the counseling office by May 1st of each calendar school year to have sufficient time to order and deliver my community service cord prior to Lassiter's graduation ceremonies. I further acknowledge that the lapel community service cord can/should be worn during the graduation ceremonies as it meets the guidelines set by the graduation committee. I may not wear any unauthorized attire during the graduation ceremony.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Approved Hours _____	Annual Dues Paid _____	Date Ordered (Sponsor) _____
Sponsor Approved _____	Cord Payment _____	Date Issued (Sponsor) _____

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