

COMMUNITY SERVICE OVERVIEW

Academic Year 2011-2012



The Community Service Program helps students become “exemplary citizens of the world.” In addition to developing students of character, the community service program helps in the following ways:

- College Acceptance – Many colleges look at community service as one of their determining factors for acceptance. In fact, the UC system suggests that students complete community service during high school.
- Work Experience – Volunteer work is an excellent way for a young person to explore fields of interest, learn important workplace skills, and gain experience that will benefit them in college and beyond.
- Promote School Community – Group service projects are great opportunities for students from different social groups to get to know one another outside of the classroom.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Each student is required to complete 20 hours of community service for each year that he/she is enrolled as a student at Fairmont Preparatory Academy. To culminate the program at the end of 12th grade, each student will submit a reflective project detailing his/her service experience(s) and what he/she learned from serving.

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Students may complete service projects on their own. Each year a resource manual with a detailed list of non-profit organizations is available to each student. In this manual, you will find many different organizations with contact information for which students can perform community service hours. In addition, we publish at least one service opportunity for students in the Prep e-newsletter each month. If you would like more personalized assistance, I am more than happy to work individually with families to find appropriate service opportunities for students based on their interests and abilities. Students are not limited to the hours published in the resource manual – they may serve at any non-profit institution.

GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Each month we offer an opportunity for Fairmont students to come together and serve their community as a group. Group service opportunities vary from month to month, but include:

- Beach clean-ups
 - Serving meals to the homeless
 - Fundraising walks and runs
 - Tutoring younger children
 - Packing and sorting donations
- And much, much more

In addition, we will be offering project/travel week opportunities where students can earn service hours outside of the regular semester and also receive in-depth exposure to a community in need.

FAVORITE SERVICE PROJECTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Some of the favorite projects were Coastal Clean Up, CHOC Walk and Graffiti Paint Out. In addition to these opportunities, some of the new projects this year will include, Anaheim International Film Festival, Action Partnership, and a Fall Festival with the city of Anaheim. Monthly service opportunities are available through the Community Service Coordinator, Mrs. Anna Kunkle.

SERVICE CLUBS

Each year students create many service clubs on our campus. These clubs offer opportunities for students to learn valuable communication and leadership skills while gaining service hours and making new friends. For more information about how you can join any of our service clubs here at Fairmont, stop by the Green Room or email Mrs. Awa at jawa@fairmontschools.com.