

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The Community Service Program is an integral part of the spiritual development of the students at Maranatha Academy. It adds the dimension of faith in action to our curriculum and encourages students to reach out to those in need. Our goal is to teach compassion and understanding for others. It is through these life-challenging experiences that students learn more about themselves and others. We hope to create a spirit of giving that will last a lifetime for these young men and women.

TIME REQUIREMENTS

Grade 9.....10 hours

Grade 11.....25 hours

Grade 10.....20 hours

Grade 12.....25 hours

*At least 5 or more of the hours must be service with the less fortunate. Less fortunate may include older adults, persons with disabilities or mental handicaps, the physically ill, or the poor.

*Mission Trips that work with the poor are opportunities to earn a full year credit. There are summer camps in which you can help the poor (i.e. CUMCITO with City Union Mission).

*The remainder of your service requirement can be performed helping within your church (not during church service time); other ministries, election campaigns, recycling, meals on wheels, etc.

OTHER BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Students may choose several different types of service but are encouraged to make their experience an in-depth one. This may only occur by going to the same place several times.
2. The service **may not be given to a relative** as this is considered a family responsibility.
3. Service are to be performed **outside of school hours**.
4. The student may not receive any type of payment for services. It must be voluntary.
5. Service may be performed through agencies, institutions, or for individuals in great need.
6. After each completed project, an **evaluation form** must be completed and signed by the supervisor of the project and by the student to be turned into the office.
7. Students can receive evaluation forms in the office.
8. Students are expected to represent the Maranatha Academy community in a positive manner (Punctual, hardworking, courteous, polite, etc).
9. Families, classes, teams or clubs are encouraged to serve as groups and work with charities.
10. Community service projects designed by the Interact Club, the Maranatha Community Service Club, will count toward the service hours.

**“In as much as you have done it to the least of these, my brethren, you have done it to me”
(Matthew 25:40)**