

Saddleback Valley Unified School District
Community Service Verification Form

Graduation Requirement: Each high school student must complete at least eight hours of community service prior to **March 1st** of his/her senior year. Students will provide their own transportation while completing this service.

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Please print

High School _____ Grade _____

Parent: I give my permission for my child to perform the community service described on this form. I hereby waive, release, and hold harmless the Saddleback Valley Unified School District and its personnel from any liability in the unlikely event of an injury while performing this service.

Parent Signature _____ Telephone _____ Date _____

Organization Name _____

Student: Summarize the goals, purpose, and activities of the organization: _____

Describe the activities or tasks of service performed: _____

I verify that I performed the service described above.

Student Signature _____ Date(s) of Service _____

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_____ Organization (attach business card if available)	_____ Print Name of Supervisor
_____ Telephone Number	_____ Title of Supervisor
_____ Total Hours of Service	_____ Signature of Supervisor

Student must submit this completed form to the Guidance Office when a total of eight hours of service has been completed.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The educators of Saddleback Valley Unified School District feel strongly that students should be educated in the area of community service. As part of their academic experience, students need to be made aware of the importance of community service in their personal lives. Further more, we hope that this awareness will stimulate their participation in local as well as global community service.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Student will:

- ◆ Be introduced to the history of community service and its value;
- ◆ Learn about the various aspects of community service throughout the curriculum;
- ◆ Learn about American humanitarianism;
- ◆ Review and reinforce the concept of good citizenship embodied in service to the community;
- ◆ Be required to participate in eight (8) hours of on-campus and/or off-campus service as a requirement for graduation.

Steps for Completing the COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

1. **Select an organization/agency to volunteer service.**

Volunteer service is any work you do for the community for no pay. Your service can be done for a religious organization, community programs, charitable organizations, or any volunteer activity done through the school's service clubs. Students who are doing community service through a court probation program may not use those hours to fulfill the graduation requirement. Service performed for family members will not count toward the community assistance program.

2. **Letter of Introduction**

If you are selecting an organization/ agency where you are not known, you may want to use the attached letter to explain the community service activity to the organization you contact. Additional letters may be picked up in the Guidance Office.

3. **Community Service Permission and Verification**

The SVUSD Community Service Permission and Verification Form should be completed by the student and signed by the parent **BEFORE** performing the volunteer service. At the end of the service activity, the bottom half of the form should be completed by the individual supervising the student. The completed form should be turned in the Guidance Office at the completion of a total of 8 hours of community service but no later than **February 15th of their senior year.**

Suggestions of Community Services areas:

- ◆ Religious Activities
- ◆ Beach Clean-Up Day
- ◆ Volunteer worker at charity events (*i.e. Walk-a-thons, Special Olympics*)
- ◆ Scouting Events
- ◆ Service Club Activities
- ◆ Volunteer at Elementary Schools
- ◆ Approved School Events (*i.e. time at track meets*)
- ◆ Volunteer at Public Library

Not considered as Community Service areas:

- ◆ Student's place of employment
- ◆ Parents' place of work
- ◆ Baby-sitting
- ◆ Walking neighbor's dog
- ◆ Passing out flyers for real estate office
- ◆ Assisting neighbor with yard work
- ◆ Donating time to employer