

Service Hour Policy St. Louis Catholic School 2008-2009

Junior High students will perform at least 10 service hours to the church, school, community or individuals in need. **These hours must be before or after school hours. All of the hours must be supervised and certified by an adult. The service hours should not be for a relative or a for-profit business.** Extra hours from the 7th grade will not carry over to the 8th grade. 7th grade begins upon promotion to the 7th grade. 8th grade begins upon promotion to the 8th grade.

Forms will be provided by the religion teacher and Director of Religious Education. **The students are responsible for having the form filled out by the adult supervisor of their activity and turning it in to their religion teacher.** The Religion teacher will collect and record hours of students.

Important: Those students who fail to accumulate 10 hours **will have their Religion grade for the year taken down to the highest percentage of the next lower letter grade.** For example, if the year's average is 98 (A), the average would be taken down to 92 (B). (A= 93-100; B=85-92; C=77-84; D=70-76; F=69 and below)

Suggestions for service hours:

-Volunteer to work at the Mission Waco Homeless breakfasts with the St. Louis Social committee on the fifth Fridays of the month. (6-7:45 a.m.)

-Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School at St. Louis or other church

-Help with St. Louis Parent's Association events: newsletter, Carnival

-“Green Classroom” sprucing up, other school improvement projects

-Wrapping gifts for St. Louis Social Committee's Christmas gift-giving project

-Making and delivering Easter baskets to needy with St. Louis Social Committee

- Visit or make and deliver cards to nursing home residents

-Volunteer to help with St. Louis CCE program as an aid, nursery helper

-Help with concessions, ticket sales, clean-up at Reicher football games

-Take care of the needs of an elderly neighbor (not a relative) such as yard work, cleaning their house, shopping, making them a meal

-Community service like Special Olympics, Caritas, Family Abuse Center, fund raisers for research for cures.

-Any other project ideas must have prior approval from the Director of Religious Education.

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Ethics and Integrity Requirements:

Junior high students who volunteer to work with children should always be accompanied by an adult. It is highly recommended 7th and 8th graders attend the Called to Protect for Youth presentation when it is available. The Protecting God's Children workshop or Teen Leadership Training workshop is required at the age of 16 when volunteers may be left alone with children.

We hope this policy will teach our children the value of service to others. Please sign and return the form below so we know you understand it. Please direct any questions or concerns about Service Hours to the Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Maritza Perez, 754-2041.

Mr. Louis Gonzales
Principal, St. Louis Catholic School

Parent/Guardian signature:

**I have read and understand my child; _____
will be required to perform 10 hours of service in both the 7th and 8th
grades.**

**I understand it is my child's responsibility to have the service forms
filled out and turned in to their Religion teacher. Failure to do these
things will result in a lower religion grade for the year.**

**I understand I should direct questions and comments to the Director
of Religious Education, Mrs. Maritza Perez, 754-2041.**

Parent signature

St. Louis Catholic School
Junior High Service Hour Form

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Religion Teacher: _____

Description of work/project: _____

Date/Time of work: _____

Adult supervisor: _____

Adult supervisor phone #: _____

Number of hours worked: _____

Verification:

I verify that this student satisfactorily completed _____ hours of service for the above project. This work was not for a relative or a for-profit business.

Adult supervisor signature: _____