

## Otselic Valley Central School – Community Service

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What is community service? Community service is voluntary work intended to help those in need, without compensation of any sort. In order to help our Vikings get involved and see the value of community service, the Otselic Valley Board of Education has approved a plan requiring students to complete 60 hours of service by graduation. Below you will find the general guidelines for community service.

- 1) Students must complete an average of 10 hours per year from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade for a grand total of 60 hours. Time will be prorated for students that are not in the district for a full six years. This prorated procedure includes the next few years as we begin the program. For example, students entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade will need to complete 30 hours before graduation. Students who enter the school district during the school year will also receive a prorated amount of community service hours to complete.
- 2) At least one third of the hours must be completed on school grounds. At least one third of the hours must be completed off school grounds. The remaining hours can be completed on or off of school grounds.
- 3) Students that are completing their hours not be compensated in any way.
- 4) Community service that is completed as part of a grade for a class may not be counted toward the graduation requirement.
- 5) Students that are required to complete community service hours as part of membership to an organization or as part of a court order may not use those hours for this purpose.
- 6) All service must be approved **before** the service assignment has started. Hours that are completed before being approved will not count.

So now you're ready to get out in the community and get started making a difference! Simply fill out the form below and email it to Ms. Ross at least 2 days in advance of the community service opportunity. (See Ms. Ross if you need help submitting the form electronically.)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of community service activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated amount of time: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor of above activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved/Not approved: \_\_\_\_\_