

# Community Service at Butte Falls Charter School

**Definition:** Community service is any helpful task done for the school or others (not family), that a student does not get paid or receive a letter for.  
\*Exceptions can be made for special family circumstances. Talk to your adviser.  
Summer activities can count for the next school year.

**Requirements:** Grade 7-8 = **24** hours per year (6 hours/9-weeks)  
Grades 9-10 = **36** hours per year (9hours/9-weeks)  
Grades 11-12 = **36** hours per year  
(where 18 of them should be in an area of career interest.)

## Why do Community Service?

1. It returns to the community, for the support it gives the students and the school.
2. It helps build community, self-esteem, practical skills and sense of civic responsibility.
3. It can also count as a CRLE or EA project if extensive enough.
4. It provides additional hours necessary for student to receive 1/2 credit for Focus (HS only)
5. More and more scholarships have a community service component.  
Some are based solely on community service.
6. It is used to determine academic letters.

## Additional Bonus:

If a student continues documenting their hours, they can receive a Presidential Volunteer Service Award for community service. The following hours must be documented by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks.

Over 14 years old = 100 hours  
Ages 5-14 = 50 hours