

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Service

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year your child will be asked to reflect and answer the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essential Question: ***How can one positively contribute to a community?*** Students will have the opportunity to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours for a non-profit or human service organization in the community. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Service is a school requirement, one that must be completed for your child to participate in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion.

We, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, hope you that the family will get involved with this valuable project. We feel that through volunteer community service, our students will become better contributors to communities; and through the experience, they will take a step toward becoming more generous, caring contributors and leaders in our community.

Students are encouraged to find a non-profit and/or human service agency that is a “good fit.” Please consider accessing published volunteer options available in Santa Monica:

<https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=33725>

We ask that you carefully observe your child’s selection, and that you ensure it is indeed a safe and appropriate activity. Please talk to the people who will supervise your child’s efforts, provide safe transportation, and carefully monitor all aspects of your child’s volunteer work.

CS TIMELINE	CS Contract Due	4-Hour Check In	8-Hour Check In	12-Hour Verification	CS Presentations	Additional Hours for Honorable Recognition
Due Date	Thursday 10/3	Thursday 11/7	Thursday 1/9	Thursday 4/2	Thursday 5/14	Thursday 4/30
Description	Turn in your signed contract to Home-base teacher	Show your hours sheet to Home-base teacher	Show your hours sheet to Home-base teacher	Show your completed 12 hours to Homebase teacher	Present your CS project to your Home-base and again at Open House to the wider community.	Show your final hours (50, 75, 100) to <b>Ms. GGMc</b> to receive award recognition.
*Reward or ^Consequence	^Phone call to parent	*Entered into a raffle for a PTA sponsored gift card.	*Entered into a raffle for a PTA sponsored gift card.	^Phone call to parent	^Phone call to parent and exclusion from the 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony.	*Community recognition for outstanding service!

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Faculty

To get started, please join our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Google Classroom with this code: **g1821h**  
Then, please reference the Community Service Contract on the reverse side of this sheet. We expect students to first share the letter with their family, invest time thinking about how and where they might want to serve a community; and then devote time into searching for opportunities. Opportunities and resources are posted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Google Classroom.

## Community Service CONTRACT

All students must be enrolled in our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Google Classroom with this code:

**g1821h**

1. Name of Agency/Organization for which you will work:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor at Agency/Organization (Name of the adult who will sign your hours sheet):

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2. Describe what you are planning to do for your community and start thinking about our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essential Question: ***How can one positively contribute to a community?***

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Contract due date: **Thursday, October 3, 2019**

Please sign below which acknowledges that you have read the letter with your child and you are aware of the expectations and responsibilities outlined on both sides of this document.

Cut on the line, and return the bottom portion to your Homebase Teacher (CSA) by 10/3.

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Agency/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agency Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Agency Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_