

Hawthorne Math and Science Academy High School
Community Service Program
2009-2010

Purpose

The primary purpose of Hawthorne Math and Science Academy is to challenge young men and women to become critical thinkers, efficient communicators, self-directed life-long learners and technologically skilled citizens who graduate with an appreciation for the relevance and understanding of civic responsibility and knowledge of life skills that will prepare them for success at the university.

Philosophy

Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. Volunteering helps you get into college, but volunteering is not a list of organizations and dates. Colleges want to see a complete picture of the student, and examples of their commitment, dedication, and interests.

Goals

1. To enable the student to mature in his/her personal development
2. Gain Valuable Life Experiences and Skills
3. To afford the student an opportunity to share his/ her gifts, talents and those things which he/she has learned with those in need.

Hour Requirements

Each student is required to complete the total number of hours during their four years in high school:

Class of 2013 -100

Class of 2011- 80

Class of 2012 -100

Class of 2010 -80

How to Get Involved

There are many people, places, and organizations that need volunteers. Here are some tips for getting started:

- Look around your community and in the phone book to see what programs are there. Call and ask if they need help.
- Visit your city or town website. It may list volunteer opportunities in your community.
- Contact your local United Way, cultural arts association, student organization, or another association that can point you in the right direction.
- Ask your library, church or synagogue, and/or community colleges if they sponsor any volunteer groups.

- Check out the following websites to learn more about causes and to find volunteer opportunities near you.
 - www.volctr-sobay.org/youth_opp.htm
 - www.volunteermatch.org
 - www.servenet.org
 - www.networkforgood.org
 - www.idealists.org
 - www.dosomething.org

Questions to Ask Yourself Before You Volunteer

It's important that you enjoy the type of service you choose and that you have the time to stick with it. Ask yourself these questions before you commit to an organization.

- How much time do I have to commit?
- Do I want an ongoing regularly-scheduled assignment, a short-term assignment, or a one-time assignment?
- Am I willing to participate in a training course or do I want to start my volunteer work immediately?
- Which talents or skills do I offer?
- What would I most like to learn by volunteering?
- What don't I want to do as a volunteer?
- Do I want to work alone or with a group?
- With what kind of people do I want to work—both in terms of who is receiving my services and who my co-workers might be?



Hawthorne Math & Science Academy

Community Service Contract

PRINT STUDENT'S FULL NAME _____ Grade _____

Agency/Organization _____

Address _____

On-Site Supervisor _____ Phone _____

Briefly describe the type of service completed, specifics (days and times), and requirements of student volunteer.

Student Agreement

I understand that I am not to be compensated monetarily for this service.

I understand that this is to be a serious commitment to the agency/organization for which I will be working. I will cooperate fully with the regulations and policies of the agency/ organization as long as I am there, and will fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I will work according to the schedule of the agency. I will notify the supervisor, in advance, if I will not be available for my scheduled time.

I enter into this contract with full knowledge of the provision that successful completion of the service is required for HMSA graduation requirements.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor Agreement

I will verify the student's service by signing his/her Time and Activity form. I will provide him/ her with direction and supervision to the degree necessary. If any questions arise, I will notify the school's office 310-973-8184.

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

