



Oak Hill Union Local Schools

Oak Hill, Ohio

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Service Learning

SERVICE LEARNING OPTIONS

All Oak Hill High School students are required to complete a Service Learning activity for graduation.

To complete the 1/2-unit credit for Service Learning graduation requirement students have two options for consideration.

OPTION #1 An Approved Program of Service Learning (1/2 credit)

Service Learning may include but is not limited to the following: tutoring, neighborhood improvement, promoting ideas of patriotism, increasing environmental safety, or assisting the elderly or disabled. Please, follow the Service Learning Guidelines to document your experience.

A student will be awarded 1/2 credit upon completion of 60 hours in an approved program of activities. Service Learning activities performed during school hours are limited to 30 hours per school year (7.5 per 9 weeks). Service for relatives should be limited to 15 hours. Chores for parents are not considered a service to the community.

Oakamania award will require students grade 9-12 submit a minimum of four service hours per grading period (16 hours per year) up to the maximum of 60 hours.

Service Learning Programs can be listed on resumes or portfolios and are encouraged by college admissions offices, scholarship selection committees, and student honorary organizations (National Honor Society).

OPTION #2 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS @ SCHOOL (A 10th- 12th grade elective - 1/2 credit)

This course (CCS) is provided for students that prefer the traditional classroom experience rather than to participate in an approved program of Service Learning. This course will also allow the student to complete their Service Learning graduation requirement prior to enrolling in course work that is offered at sites other than Oak Hill High School, such as, the Joint Vocational School and Tech-Prep programming.

Enrollment in CCS course will be considered to qualify for Oakamania.

GUIDELINES for SERVICE LEARNING

All Oak Hill High School students are required to complete 60 hours of Service Learning activities for graduation.

Goal: Students will have the opportunity to give of themselves to their community and others, to promote personal growth, to develop leadership, to find self-rewarding activities, and to build new skills.

*The student is responsible for keeping record of service learning hours and submitting written records of their hours.

*The term client will refer to whom the volunteer service has been performed.

*Student service learning hours must be verified with client's name, address, phone number and adult signature.

*Service Learning Record Forms will be available from the guidance office or from Mrs. Smalley. Forms may be returned to the guidance office or to Mrs. Smalley.

*Forms should be returned within a week of volunteer date.

*Questions about appropriate project ideas may be addressed to Mrs. Smalley.

*You must make date and time arrangements where you would like to volunteer.

*When seeking a site to volunteer, remember to introduce yourself and explain why you are contacting them.

*Vocational, tech prep, and college options students must complete this requirement.

*Parents should approve all service projects for students.

*Please limit the number of hours completed for extended family relatives to **15**. Most students are expected to complete chores for parents. **Chores at home are NOT considered a service to the community.**

*Hours may be completed during the school day only by special arrangement. School day hours are limited to **30 hours** per school year (7.5 per 9 weeks).

PROJECT IDEAS

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| -Boy/Girl Scouts/Explorer Post | -promote ideas of patriotism |
| -4-H club, church or youth group | -environmental safety |
| -organized clean-up projects | -elementary school events |
| -organized youth sports leagues | -hospital and nursing homes |
| -help elderly neighbors or disabled | -tutoring |
| -senior citizens group | -animal shelter |
| -community events | -Lake Jackson |
| -assist OHHS athletic teams | -food pantry |
| -Habitat for Humanity | - volunteer at after-school or daycare |
| -sewing or quilting for others | -Oak Hill Library Teen Board |

*Community Connection @ School is a course provided for students that prefer a tradition classroom experience rather than to participate in a Service Learning program.

Service Learning and Oakamania

Oak Hill students are required to complete 60 hours of Service Learning Hours (SLH) for graduation. To encourage completion of these hours, the Oakamania award will require students grades 9-12 submit a minimum of 4 service hours per grading period (16 hours per year) up to the maximum 60 hours. Students can turn in in advance for them to count towards future oakamania, they will be credited for all hours previously earned. **If the student does not keep up with the required hours, then the hours they do turn in will backfill the missing hours. So even if you do turn in 4 hours for a grading period- if they are behind in hours and the total does not reach the expected year/9 weeks' requirements the student will not qualify for Oakamania.** Hours may be turned in to Mrs. Smalley or the Guidance Office.

Service learning will not apply to grades 6-8.

Hour requirements per year/ nine weeks

	1 st nine weeks	2 nd nine weeks	3 rd nine weeks	4 th nine weeks
Freshman	4	8	12	16
Sophomore	19	23	27	30
Junior	34	38	42	45
Senior	49	53	57	60

Examples:

- Students with 60 hours service qualify for Oakamania.
- Students with four or more hours earned last grading period will qualify for Oakamania the next grading period, but need 4 or more additional hours per grading period until the maximum is reached.
- Students that did not have 4 hours last grading period need to complete the past 4 and 4 more hours to qualify until the maximum 60 hours are reached (please see chart above for hour requirements per nine weeks/ year).