

Hill-Murray's Student Service Requirement

Hill-Murray's approach to community service and social justice is grounded in the ministry of Jesus Christ and the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Hill-Murray encourages students to share Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, restore sight to the blind, let the oppressed go free," (*Luke 4:18-19*) by participating in community service. Jesus teaches us that to be great we must "be least and servants of all." (*Mark 9:35*)

As a graduation requirement, all students in grades 9-12 must complete two service experiences each year they are enrolled with one experience serving the poor or vulnerable.

Students must log, turn in, and have their experiences approved in their Google service classroom.

Each experience must include a 3 sentence reflection (specific to that experience, please no copying and pasting of a previous experience), time, date, what type of service, and the contact information of the person who can verify their experience.

All Service Must Be...	Serving the Poor or Vulnerable Can Be Assisting or cultivating relationships with...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Around an hour or more• Outside of the school day or during a WIN with Ms. F• More than just donating to a drive• Not directed for family members or relatives• Non-compensated (doesn't benefit you)• Non-partisan (not for a political candidate or party)• Non-credit (not for a class assignment)• Not required as part of your participation in a Hill-Murray Co-Curricular Activity or grade-level retreat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low income, food shelf, clothing, housing, furniture, homeless, global poverty (food, medicine, etc.)• Children 5 years old and younger• Immigrants or combating racism• Elderly or sick• Physically, mentally, or emotionally Challenged• Other (ask Campus Ministry)

Service Tracker Due Dates

Students are responsible to complete and turn service forms into Campus Ministry prior to the end of the quarter in which they complete their service. Service can be logged by accepting or joining the Service Classroom in Google Classroom. When both service requirements have been approved, students will see a Pass (P) in Infinite Campus. During the school year If they have completed one requirement they will see an Incomplete (I). At the end of the school year if you have not completed your two requirements you will receive an F, but that can be changed when both service requirements have been approved for that year.

All Service should be completed by **THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 2025 @ 11:59 pm.**

We highly recommend you have your service logged, turned in, and approved before then.

Google Classroom Class Codes for the 2024-2025 School year:

Class of 2028 Service Classroom: 3ao7nj2

Class of 2027 Service Classroom: fz76yrs

Class of 2026 Service Classroom: nvjqlho

Class of 2025 Service Classroom: rxj563e

Service Awards

We highly encourage students to go above and beyond the two service requirements a year. Students may earn Service Awards in recognition for their community service based on the following criteria. Award totals are cumulative through their 9-12th grade years.

All service-for-service awards must be completed before or by **THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 2025 @ 11:59 pm**. Service turned in after this date will not be included for service awards.

Bronze Service Award- 20 service experiences.

Silver Service Award-30 service experiences

Gold Service Award- 40 experiences.

Diamond - 60 experiences

Platinum- 80 experiences

Presidential-100 experiences

Presidential Gold--140 Experiences

FAQs

Here are some questions that are frequently asked regarding our service requirement: Attached to this email is more specific information about the Hill-Murray Student Service Requirements that is also available on your student's Google service classroom.

Does helping my grandparents count as service? While helping your grandparents is wonderful and encouraged, service hours directed to family members do not count.

Can I count a service project I did through my HM co-curricular activity? As long as the service project was not required by all members then it would count, but if the service project is a requirement, it would not count.

If I bring in an item for a drive, or donate money does that count? No. When service agencies were shut down during the pandemic we did count some drives as service experiences, but that is no longer true.

Does donating used clothing count as service? It does not.

How do I turn in my service hours? Go to your Google Service classroom> Classwork> Google tracker assignment> click on the google sheet entitled 24-25 Service Tracker> there is an example input at the top of the sheet explaining what and how your log should look> when done entering you must press the turn-in button so it can be counted and approved.

If I am a sports-manager or a student director can I count that as service? No, these activities while amazing experiences are not considered service.

When do you approve service? Our Campus Ministry team tries to approve service at least once a week, but they are also teachers and on occasion it may take longer. If you are concerned please feel free to reach out to Ms. Fandrich with any questions. rfandrich@hill-murray.org