

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School

Established in 1959, Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, operated by the Diocese of Venice, serves Sarasota, Manatee, and Charlotte Counties.

Rooted in the Catholic tradition but open to people of all faiths and backgrounds who share our mission and values, we are dedicated to providing a values-based education for all families who desire it. Our motto, "Serving God in the Community," emphasizes a strong sense of family, faith, personal responsibility and community service.

The Catholic Christian faith is the purpose behind the existence of Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School. Through our daily prayers, classroom instruction and discussions, weekly liturgies and yearly retreats, we attempt to create an atmosphere of mutual respect and spiritual growth so that our students may reach new levels of Christian maturity.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School has always promoted the idea of students serving the community; not just for the benefit of the community but for the benefit of the students involved as well. As a Catholic School we take very seriously the commandment of service given to us by Jesus. This is the principle reason why Community Service Program was established at CMHS.

As a Catholic school we also believe in the ideal of forming our students to become “people for others” and at the same time, we want to give our students opportunity to heighten their sense of social responsibility.

The following is a series of questions that are often asked by parents and students about our Community Service Program.

What are the requirements for students doing community service?

This school year students are required to serve the community during weekends or after school for a minimum of 30 hours per year (15 per semester) for grades 9th -11th, 12th grade students are expected to complete their last 10 hours the first semester of their senior year.

This requirement will continue through-out the high school years so that at the end of the four-year period each student will have served for a minimum of 100 hours. These 100 hours are a requirement for graduation from CMHS.

Only approved, non-profit, community service organizations are permitted for completion of the CMHS service requirement.

Students who wish to work on this requirement during the summer should check with the Service Coordinator to ensure approval before entering into the project.

WHY DO STUDENTS HAVE TO DO SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY?

There are three basic reasons. First, service is part of our heritage as Christians. Second, as a Catholic institution we pride ourselves in preparing our students academically, mentally, physically, and morally. Third, we have a civic responsibility to serve our community.

WHAT DOES A STUDENT HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE?

The first thing to do is to look for an approved, non-profit, service agency. In addition, students should contact the Service Coordinator at Cardinal Mooney. It is important not to leave the service requirement to the end of the semester.

What are the consequences if the service hours are not completed?

Failure to complete the required hours or any portion of them will result in the loss of a percentage of the students' grade for the semester. This loss of percentage, however, does not exempt the student from the responsibility of completion of the required hours of service. These hours must be completed in order to graduate from CMHS.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS QUALIFY AS COMMUNITY SERVICE?

A good community service project has the following characteristics:

1. It should be a project that fills a need or performs a service for a community group such as the needy, the poor, the elderly or the less fortunate.
2. It must be supervised by a qualified adult. The supervisor cannot be a relative of the student.
3. It has to be approved by the Community Service Coordinator because not all services will be recognized as a community service.

Approved Service Organizations Include:

The Players Theatre
Places of Worship
Habitat for Humanity
American Red Cross
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Bethesda House
Elderly Care Homes
Kids by the Sea
Boys and Girls Clubs (with prior approval)
Hospitals
Teen Court
Salvation Army
Soup Kitchens
Mote Aquarium
Humane Society
Summer Camps (with prior approval)
All Faith Food Bank
Environmental Agencies
YMCA (with prior approval)
Public Libraries
Missionary Activities
Special Olympics
St. Martha's Day Care
Disabled Care Organizations
Parish Community Center
(with prior approval)
Sierra Club

If in need of approval or if you have any questions, please contact:

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