



TNCS Community Service Hours Handout

Why?: At TNCS, we see community service as an important way for our students to develop their full potential and understand their role in our society.

What?: Students at TNCS participate in this mission by completing at least thirty hours of community service during their senior year.

When?: Students may begin this service commitment the summer after their junior year at TNCS. In fact, we encourage students to complete all their service hours during the summer months. Students must complete their service hours by the end of the third quarter.

Where?: Students are encouraged to serve at an organization that matches a personal passion. They do not need to complete all their hours at the same organization.

- One student who is passionate about sustainable food and urban agriculture might volunteer at Tricycle.
- Another senior is interested in serving local low-income families; she decides to complete her service hours at Feed More.
- Yet another student lights up when serving as an activist for the environment. He decides to volunteer with the James River Association.

Other recent graduates have volunteered with: Bark, Saint Mary's Hospital, The Virginia Home, Serenity Farms, Johnson Willis Cancer Institute, Sportables, Richmond Public Library, Saint Joseph's Villa, RVA Access, the Jewish Community Center, and the Manor House Assisted Living and Memory Care.

How?: Seniors must keep track of their service hours by completing the Senior Service Hours Log. To complete this log, the student must have his/her supervisor sign for every volunteer hour or day.

Resources: If your student is having difficulty finding a service organization, he/she may use the TNCS Community Service Bank, a database of local service organizations.