



MARATHON CENTRAL SCHOOL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE

Marathon Central School District believes that community service is a vital component in helping students become responsible citizens. Our goal is to help students think beyond their immediate needs and care about the world around them. We hope the experiences give students a sense of empathy, so they can feel better about themselves and give back to the community. It is also our hope that community service will EMPOWER students and afford them an immersing opportunity to pursue a passion well after graduation. Students who start 7th grade at Marathon Central High School are highly encouraged to complete a minimum of 100 hours of community service prior to graduation. A maximum of 10 hours will be counted for school sponsored club activities during the school day per year (please note that community service activities completed during the school day cannot be done during a scheduled class period). Transfer students will be prorated by the number of years they have to graduation. Seniors wishing to be recognized with community service cords at graduation need to submit their hours by June 1st of their senior year.

Definition of Community Service

Community service is volunteer work that is done without payment of money and/or services.

Student Recognition for Community Service

- Torchlight
- School Announcements
- Ranking Ceremony
- Junior High/Senior High School Awards Ceremony
- The Cortland Standard
- Graduation

Community Service

- Provides students the opportunity to share their talent and abilities with the community
- Improves self-esteem
- Engages students in real-life experiences
- Nurtures a stewardship towards the community
- Cultivates the development of a sense of compassion
- Fosters a partnership between the district and the community

Procedure

Students may begin to earn community service hours at the beginning of the summer prior to the start of their seventh grade year. All hours must be submitted to an administrator or community service coordinator for approval on the proper form and must have all necessary signatures. If there are any questions regarding eligibility, students should seek prior approval.

Community Service cannot be done for:

- Family or relatives (helping family members is done out of love and respect. It does not count as community service)
- Neighbors
- An employer
- Private business, any for profit organization

*EMBRACE * EDUCATE * EMPOWER*

Community Service must be done for a

- Non-profit organization
- Governmental or educational program
- Religious organization if non-proselytizing in nature (non missionary)

List of Possible Volunteer Organizations

- American Cancer Society
- American Heart and Lung Associations
- American Legion
- American Red Cross
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- CAPCO
- Cancer Foundation
- Church
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Cortland Regional Medical Center
- Family Resource Center
- Fire Department
- Food Pantry
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kidney Foundation of CNY
- Ma-Ce-Hi Chapter (National Honor Society)
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Marathon Central Schools
- Marathon Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- Marathon Preschool
- Marathon Scholarship Foundation
- Marathon Village Offices
- MAVAC
- Meals on Wheels
- Multiple Sclerosis Upstate NY Chapter
- Rescue Mission
- Salvation Army
- SPCA
- Special Olympics
- United Way
- Youth Sports Groups

Hours will be prorated for the next three years

Class of 2017 – 30, 40, 50

Class of 2018 – 45, 60, 75

Class of 2019 – 60, 80, 100

Class of 2020 & Beyond – 80, 100, 120

**MARATHON CENTRAL SCHOOL
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE HOURS REQUEST**

This application must be submitted to the Community Service Coordinator during the school year that the hours were performed. Submit or mail forms to the Marathon Central Junior Senior High School, Attention: Community Service Coordinator, PO Box 339, Marathon, New York 13803, or fax to 607-849-3305. If you have any questions, please call 607-849-3251.

Student Name: _____ **Graduation Year:** _____

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Please note that community service must be performed for a non-profit organization.

Community Service Provider & Evaluation Report

Community Service Provider Name: _____

Name of contact at the organization: _____

Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Description of the Community Service: _____

Total Hours completed by student: _____ **Date(s):** _____

Service was performed to my satisfaction. Yes No

Signature of Community Service Contact

Date

Student Report/Self Reflection: *What do you feel you have learned from this particular volunteer experience?*

I certify that I have performed community service with the above-mentioned non-profit organization, and I will not be, nor have been, paid for any services I have provided.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Community Service Coordinator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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