



## **Miami Killian Senior High School Community Service Graduation Requirements**

One of the requirements for graduation is the completion of a community service project. There are two levels of involvement available for these community service projects. Those students who are working to meet requirements for the Florida Academic Scholars (Class of 1999 on) or the Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction must document at least 75 hours of community service, in addition to fulfilling the three steps below. Students who are interested in meeting the 3 hour minimum community service requirements for high school graduation need only to follow the three steps below.

**STEP 1** - Project Proposal – Complete the Project Proposal form, have your parents review and sign the form and turn it into the teacher indicated below. This is to assure that your project is acceptable.

**STEP 2** – Activity Log Form – Once the community service is finished, you must provide proof of service by having the person supervising your community service sign the Activity Log form. If the community service was done outside of school, a letter, written on the agency's official letterhead, must be included with the Activity Log Form.

**STEP 3** – Essay – After completing your community service project, you must write a brief essay describing:

- The main activities of the project
- What you had to do to plan, start, and complete the project
- Any problems that occurred during the project and how they were handled
- The impact you believe this project had on the community
- What you learned about yourself and the importance of giving something back to others as a consequence of your community service.

This essay must be stapled to the back of your Community Service packet; then turn in all documents to your Guidance Counselor.

**Students In Grade:**

Nine  
Ten  
Eleven  
Twelve

**Will Submit Project Proposals To:**

World History teachers  
English teachers  
American History teachers  
Economics/Government teachers

## **HOW TO SELECT A MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:**

Think about the following questions before choosing a community service project:

What need or problem that you are interested in working on exists in the community?

What project can you develop to fulfill this community need or problem?

Will your project provide an important service?

Does the project match your interests, talents, and abilities?

Are there any special qualifications you need to work on the project?

Will you be able to spend the necessary time on the project?

What planning is needed before beginning the project? Who needs to be contacted before the project begins?

The organizations and agencies listed below typically welcome volunteers. This list should help you develop ideas for your community service project. For a description of what types of services they need, you can call the volunteer desk at one of the following:

Chambers of commerce  
Charities  
City governments  
Civic organizations  
Convalescent homes  
County agencies  
Cultural centers  
Day care centers  
Elementary or Middle Schools  
Zoos

Hospitals  
Libraries  
Museums  
Parks  
Political organizations  
Recreation centers  
Religious organizations  
Services organizations ex; United Way  
Hospices

**For additional ideas and suggestions concerning community service projects, speak to your teachers or guidance counselor.**

