



Y.E.S.
(Youth Expanding Service)
Community Service Program and Contract



One of the distinctive characteristics of the United States is our conviction that each individual can make a difference through volunteer service. This is reflected in the recent trend of colleges asking for community service involvement as one of their criteria for acceptance. The Y.E.S. program provides our students with the opportunity to get involved through voluntary service at the local level and to make a difference in their own neighborhoods and communities.

Please review the Y.E.S. Guidelines for all rules concerning what is and is not acceptable prior to submitting hours for consideration

Students will need to perform 100 hours of service prior to March 31st of their senior year in order to receive a Y.E.S. medal at graduation. No more than 6 hours per day may be documented and no more than 25 total summer hours can be credited to your required 100 hours.

Participation is voluntary and students may join anytime during their high school career. They cannot be paid for any service they perform. The required hours must be fulfilled with a **NON-Profit (501c3)** organization or agency. All necessary forms and information can be accessed on the counselors' page of Hightower High School's webpage and in the guidance counselor's office. Students will have the ability to check their total hours on the website.

The Y.E.S. Program is YOUR responsibility

Self-motivation and self-reliance are two important parts of the Y.E.S program. It is up to you to find volunteer opportunities that meet the program criteria and to make your own arrangements to work for the organization. We do not schedule you, nor communicate with the agency on your behalf. It is up to you to turn in the forms, make copies, and keep track of your hours.

You MUST have a signed contract turned in to the counselors' office. The Y.E.S. Service Form must be signed by you and your parent/guardian and a representative from the agency you volunteered for (not a student). If the service is on a weekly basis, a sign-in sheet/log from the agency must be attached to the form. If you are receiving credit from another club or organization, you cannot claim Y.E.S. hours too. After making a copy of the form, the original should be turned in to the guidance counselor's office. Completed forms must be turned in **within 6 months of volunteering. If at any time during this process, a student has falsified documentation his or her name will automatically be removed from the program.**

We are very excited about the Y.E.S. program and hope that you will choose to be a part of it. If you have any questions please visit with your counselor.

I understand that to earn Y.E.S recognition, I must complete the required hours and have all documentation submitted prior to March 31st of my senior year. (You should also verify your total submitted hours by this date.) All hours are subject to random verification as well as the Y.E.S. school sponsor's approval. Falsification of any service hours will result in permanent dismissal from the Y.E.S. program.

Complete and return to the guidance counselor's office.

(PRINT legibly)

STUDENT NAME _____ STUDENT ID# _____

PHONE# _____ GRADUATING YEAR _____

EMAIL: _____

I have read and agree to adhere to the Hightower High School Y.E.S. Program Guidelines.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS