

HOW DOES THS NHS DEFINE COMMUNITY SERVICE

“continuous, dedicated, and sustained level of extracurricular volunteering in their school clubs and local community”

YES

Preparing/ delivering and/ or serving meals

Any opportunity published on the THS NHS Website, Remind, or Social Media

Volunteering at an animal shelter, nursing home, with patients at a hospital (not conducting research, filing, or shadowing a medical professional)

Donating goods or food to an organization or during a drive

Raising money for a non-profit organization or other cause

Most religious organization service events (ex: Mission Trip, Teaching VBS IF FREE for families, EID or Suhoor)

Sending messages of support or care packages to those in need

Organizing a stream/ park clean up in your area (not just you picking up trash one at a time on a random Saturday- get a few friends and spend some time beautifying your community)

Working at a non-profit (ex: stocking and organizing food at the Houston Food Bank)

NO

Babysitting for profit or to help your family out

Working at an internship or working for company/ business in a field that you will pursue in the future

Tutoring for a for-profit business or organization (If they are collecting \$ from the families receiving tutoring, that is NOT community service)

Donating clothing or other goods to a for-profit company (Goodwill is for-profit!)

Donating money (that is charity)

Participating directly in a religious ceremony (this includes singing/playing instruments/leading prayer)

Raising money for a for-profit or for your own benefit (ex: selling candy for another club or for a trip)

Working/Volunteering *for a for-profit organization* (This includes working for a family business) working for a for-profit business for free is considered free labor and is not community service even if you are not collecting a profit

Using school facilities for personal projects (ex: using the library or computer lab for personal or academic work without assisting others)

When in doubt, ask! If you have a question about your service, email Ms. Lodini!