

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

PASSPORT COMPANION PARENT/GUARDIAN RESOURCE MANUAL



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Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Board

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As stated in
2016 (OS) Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities

GENERAL INFORMATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Every student must complete a minimum of forty (40) hours of community involvement activities as a graduation requirement.

Though the forty hours of recognized service can be accomplished in one year, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board hopes that students will opt for involvement in more than one activity over two or more years. It is further hoped that students will become interested in service to others, and exceed the minimum requirement.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the requirement is to foster an understanding of civic responsibility; to develop a student's sense of worth as they play a role in their community; and to help young people develop their skills.

TIMING

The work to fulfill this requirement can begin at any time after a student has graduated from grade 8. A single forty-hour activity, or a series of short-term activities totaling forty hours must be completed. The student must submit evidence of their community service hours, as per the process provided at their school.

GETTING STARTED

STEP #1

Students under the age of eighteen should plan an activity in consultation with their parent(s)/guardian(s). The activity should be one that involves service to others. The activity must fall within the guiding principles the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has established. Students 18 years of age and older do not need to consult with his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

STEP #2

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The Ministry of Education and Training has developed a list of activities that may NOT be chosen as community involvement activities and that are, therefore, INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES. An

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The following guiding principles, read in conjunction with the list of ineligible activities, are intended to assist the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) to determine whether a planned activity is within an approved area for the completion of the Community Involvement requirement:

An event or activity performed with the community as an expression of gratitude.

An event or activity designed to be of benefit to the community.

An event or activity to support a not-for-profit agency, institution or foundation that conforms to the ethical and religious standards of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Ministry of Education.

Any structured program that promotes tutoring, mentoring, visiting or coaching or whose purpose is to assist others who require the benefit of their assistance.

Participation in an event or activity that promotes positive environmental awareness.

Participation in an event or activity that promotes positive inclusivity of all persons and contributes to the health and wellbeing of all members of the community, including school-based activities.

Participation in an event or activity affiliated with a club, religious organization, arts or cultural association, or political organization that is inclusive of our Catholic values and makes positive contribution to the community.

Where an event or activity does not clearly fall within the guidelines, the principal of the student's school has the discretion to approve or reject any activity or event that does not conform to the guiding principles and ethical standards for approved areas of involvement for students. Areas of involvement may include:

Fundraising- includes canvassing, walk-a-thons, celebrity games, gift wrapping, gala events and sales for charitable purposes.

Sports/Recreation includes coaching, helping to organize special meets and games, and volunteering as a leisure buddy or pool assistant.

Community Events- includes helping to organize winter carnivals, parades and fundraisers.

Please Note

In the event that a student would like to participate in an activity or event that is not clearly within the Board's list of examples, the student must submit a letter detailing the proposed activity or nature of the participation and event to the student's Principal. The Principal, in consultation with the appropriate supervisory officer, will determine if the student's proposed activity is acceptable. The activity or event should not be undertaken until permission has been granted. If completed without permission and permission is subsequently denied, the activity or event will not be counted toward the student's community involvement requirement.

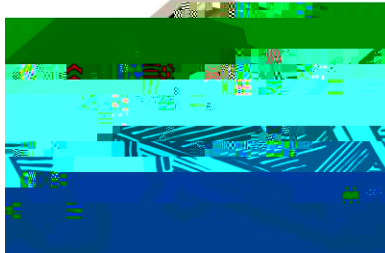
Please note that a Principal is not obligated to approve a project at the local level.

Retreats are not an eligible activity to count toward community service hour requirements.

Events or activities that may be based on or with a particular interest group must conform to ethical and principled standards of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Ministry of Education and Training to ensure that they are intended to promote a positive contribution to the community in general.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for ensuring that the selected placement is both safe and appropriate for the son/daughter.

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING



Good and gracious God, who are we that you have loved us so well?

When we find ourselves so often difficult to trust, how is it that you have given us this world of yours, each other, and a future that is in our hands?

We have need of your compassion, your power and your wisdom. Our own wisdom has once again proven inadequate in the face of so much need.

Be strong in us. Purify our intentions. Deepen our commitment. Be for us all that we need. Dear God, we await your saving presence.

You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to
and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. This then
is what I command you: love one another.
(John 15: 12-13)

PARENTAL NOTES

For further information about Community Involvement, please contact the local school Principal.