

# *Calvin Christian School*

## Service-Learning Types of Service

Service opportunities are those activities where students volunteer their time with no compensation or tangible benefit to the student providing the service. The service-learning requirement is intended to encourage students who do serve faithfully to continue to do so. For those who do not, Calvin hopes that the requirement will cause them to reflect on the call to serve as they engage in service work. A minimum of two hours must be served in each of the three types of service. A total of 15 hours at the high school level and 10 hours at the junior high level must be served each year along with discussions in homeroom and/or written reflection papers. The high school all-school service day cannot count towards any of the minimum two hours per category but may be counted towards the general hour requirements.

**Type 1 Church related activities:** This category includes service that directly benefits a church and its ministries. Church related service includes voluntary commitments in Sunday school or children's ministry leadership (including helpers), choir or other musical contributions, youth leadership positions, missions trips initiated through a church, outreach activities, Vacation Bible School or similar programs, work done for upkeep of the church building or grounds, or work done at related organizations for which membership is limited to a specific church or churches. A minimum of two hours each year must be completed in this category.

For mission trips or similar service, a maximum of eight hours will be given per day. For participation in a church service, the time reported for service hours will only include the actual time spent in the activity during the church service.

**Type 2 Community related activities:** This category includes service directly in contact with your own community or the greater community. Opportunities include mentors, nursing home visitors, food pantry volunteers, hospital volunteers, park cleanup activities, camp volunteers, and youth sports coaching. Opportunities may also include mission trips and programs such as Vacation Bible School.

For summer camp volunteers or similar service, a maximum of eight hours of service will be given per day.

**Type 3 Home and/or School related activities:** The school related activities may include those opportunities that directly impact the students and community of Calvin Christian. Such activities might include peer tutoring, teacher aiding (non credit), Fine Arts Festival coaching, athletic contest working, Dutch Festival volunteering. The home related activities may include helping parents or relatives beyond weekly household duties or chores.

Some examples of what is NOT ACCEPTABLE for service hour requirements:

1. Any service for which you get paid or receive some kind of tangible benefit.
2. Travel time spent to get to the place where you will provide a service.
3. Work completed as part of a school committee or club (i.e. Yearbook Committee, Chapel Committee).
4. Household duties or chores that are part of the expected routine or parental rules for family members.
5. School authorized Discipline Hours.