

WESS Community Involvement Hours Information Sheet

If the activity is not on the board's list of approved activities, obtain approval from your principal. If in doubt, before beginning any activity, fill out the "Notification of Planned Community Activities" form, sign it and have your parent/guardian sign it (if under age 18) then submit to office for pre-approval.

Yes	No
<p>In the community: Offer assistance to charitable organizations, service clubs and not-for-profit organizations, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canvassing, walk-a-thons, celebrity games; • Coaching minor sports teams; • Helping to organize events in your community such as a summer fair or winter carnival; • Participating in environmental projects, e.g. clean-up, tree planting, recycling; • Assisting at seniors' residences, hospitals, nursing homes, e.g. serving snacks, helping with crafts, visitation; • Leading others in your faith community; • Performing community projects, e.g. food bank, welcoming committees; • Assisting in local parks and recreational facilities <p>Individual Support: Provide assistance such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities involving seniors, e.g. helping shop, reading letters, shoveling snow, visiting hospitals; • Activities with young people, e.g. tutoring, transcribing, reading buddies; • Assisting individuals with disabilities <p>In the School: Help others, with activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer helping; • Timing, scoring, managing a team; • Coaching a younger team; • Organizing the school art show 	<p>An ineligible activity is an activity that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (e.g. cooperative education, job shadowing, work experience); • Provides remuneration to the student; • Takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or "spare" periods is permissible; • Takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under sixteen years of age; • Takes place in a factory, if the student is under fifteen years of age; • Takes place in a workplace other than the factory, if the student is under fourteen years of age and is not accompanied by an adult; • Would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace; • Involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding; • Involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons; • Involves handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act; • Requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government; • Involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques, or other valuables; • Consists of duties normally performed in the home (e.g. daily chores) or personal recreational activities, such as athletics, music drama; or • Involves a court-ordered program (e.g. community service program for young offenders, probationary program) <p>*Please note that students cannot be paid for performing any community involvement activities.</p>

Additional Resources:

1. TVDSB Community Involvement Flyer – A Requirement for Graduation
<http://sites.tvdsb.ca/files/filesystem/community%20involvement%20info.pdf>
2. Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirement: Community Involvement Activities in English-Language Schools <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/124a.html>
3. TVDSB Notification of Planned Community Activities
<http://sites.tvdsb.ca/files/filesystem/communitynotification.pdf>