

## Giving Back Service Hour Plan

The goal of the Service Hour Plan is to acknowledge the efforts of Lassiter High School's civic minded students who support their community and school by giving back time, talent and energy. To qualify as a volunteer service activity it must contribute to the community and/or school without compensation.

### Why institute a Service Hour Plan at Lassiter High School?

**G**—It is Lassiter's belief that teaching our students the value of "**giving back**" is just as important as establishing strong academic skills. Learning civic responsibility is a lifelong skill.

**I**—Community "**involvement**", "**improves**" self-worth, "**increases**" awareness and "**interaction**" with various economic, ethnic and cultural groups.

**V**—"Volunteerism" is an excellent indicator for potential employers and colleges to understand a student's work ethic.

**E**—Community service helps students to recognize that we are all "**equally**" responsible for improving, and caring for our neighborhoods, surroundings and school.

### Approved Activities:

- Service projects sponsored by any Lassiter school club, team or service organization.
- Time planning the fundraiser, community activity or charitable event.
- Volunteer time with any non-profit group, hospital, church, civic group or community organization.

### Exclusions:

- Service time cannot be claimed for attending and participating in normal operation of Sunday school class, Choir, etc.
- No credit can be given for an Internship, unless the hours donated are above and beyond those of your regular schedule.

\*\*No more than ½ of the volunteer hours can be accumulated from agencies outside of Lassiter High School. Service hours collected from an outside agency must be submitted on company letterhead and signed by the sponsoring adult with indication of the event and number of hours the student has volunteered.

### Accumulation of Service Plan Hours

To receive a Community Service Graduation cord, students are expected to accumulate a **minimum of 200 community service hours** over a four year period at Lassiter High School. **\*\*(Class of 2014 has a minimum of 150 total hours)** Transfer students must accumulate 50 hours of community service for each year they have attended Lassiter High School.

\*\*Please fill out the attached Cover Form and Chart to be considered for a cord.

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## Cover Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have accumulated \_\_\_\_\_ community service hours throughout high school. Attached are letters from outside agencies representing by community service time away from Lassiter and a chart designated my community service time with Lassiter. I understand that at least 50% of the total community service hours required for recognition should come from a school sponsored club/activity/organized event. My community service hours must be submitted to the School Counseling office before graduation practice. I further acknowledge that the lapel community service cord can/should be worn during the graduation ceremonies as it meets the guidelines set by the graduation committee. I may not wear any unauthorized attire during the graduation ceremony.

