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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT GUIDELINES

CHOOSING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Help Your Community, Neighbours and School:

- through placement in a structured community-based volunteer organization - Hospital, Churches, Service Clubs or Libraries
- take part in environmental initiatives - cleaning and recycling operations, park cleanup, planting trees and flower beds (students should not use power tools - lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, wood chippers, etc.)
- get involved in charitable activities - walk-a-thons, daffodil sales, canvassing for organizations, celebrity games, gift wrapping, gala events
- coach sports teams-community leagues, parks and recreation programs
- undertake a leadership role to help community groups-guides or scouts, 4 H club
- assist with literacy initiatives - at local libraries, day care centres, community centres
- religious activities - participate in parish life, programs for children, Sunday School assistant
- assist at a seniors' home/centre - visit, read, play cards or board games, crafts, take seniors for walks
- help organize local community events - food drives and food banks, Special Olympics, fairs, carnivals
- by providing service to seniors - raking, shovelling, shopping, visiting, reading, meal preparation
- school-based community involvement activities that are not tied to an academic credit and are open to any student e.g. organize blood drives
- help in the library - shelving books, tidying up, changing bulletin boards
- facilitate school events such as parent information nights - meet and greet visitors, give guided tours, serve refreshments
- assist with environmental activities - recycling, planting trees and flowers, groundskeeping
- participate in charitable initiatives - food drives, holiday drives for toys or food

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- requirement for a course in which student is enrolled
- takes place during instructional time
- duties or obligations performed at home
- babysitting, except in cases of exceptional need which has been pre-approved by Guidance Department
- personal recreational activities
- activities for a court-ordered program (e.g. probation)
- work for a workplace or commercial business
- work for political party or individual candidate
- work for payment
- work normally done for wages by another person
- activities involving the handling of substances classed as "designated substances" by the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- activities requiring the knowledge of a trades-person whose trade is provincially regulated
- activities involving banking or handling of securities, jewellery, works of Art, antiques and other valuables