

MAGGIE L. WALKER

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Community Service Program Information

Maggie Walker Community Service Requirements

The community Service Program at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is designed to prepare students to become leaders in the community. The program helps the students develop a sense of social responsibility that they will demonstrate through lifelong service to their local, national and international communities.

This service program encourages students to reflect on their community involvement through participation, contribution, and leadership.

- **Participation:** Students will participate in collaborative service projects to acquire knowledge and experience addressing community issues.
- **Contribution:** Students will recognize their role in the community by identifying and making significant contributions to personally meaningful projects.
- **Leadership:** Students will take the lead in building better communities and encouraging the habit of community service.

Earning Community Service Hours

Community Service hours are typically earned by working for nonprofit organizations. Some organizations that are always acceptable to work for include: local cemeteries, food banks, historic sites, shelters, hospitals, libraries, museums, nursing homes, recreational leagues, political campaigns, parks, and schools. Helpful tip: Sites like guidestar.org and apps.irs.gov/app/eos allow you to look up an organization's tax exempt/nonprofit status.

Performances or participation in a team or school event that is an organization requirement may not be counted as community service.

Religious activities (e.g. VBS, religious services) are not eligible for community service credit. However, outreach efforts through a church, synagogue, or mosque may be eligible if they (1) benefit a community and not just the religious institution itself and (2) are not related to religious instruction. Acceptable examples include Caritas, feeding the homeless, and home repairs and construction for those in need.

If 140 hours are earned working with the same organization, this should ideally be spread out over time. No more than 10 hours should be logged on a single calendar day. Travel time and overnight sleeping hours can not be counted in the total.

MLWGS Students develop a sense of social responsibility and develop into leaders in their communities.

Find More Information at:

- Schoology: The Community Service Group
- www.x2vol.com
- MLwgs.com/academic-overview/



Community Service Coordinator Contact Information:

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Hours Requirement

140 hours must be earned over a 4-year period while attending MLWGS. General guidelines are outlined, below.

- No more than 70 community service hours completed on campus at MLWGS will count toward the minimum requirements (“eligible hours”), with a cap of 35 hours per activity, per school year, although all hours (i.e., “total hours”) will be shown on the final transcript.
- Students may not receive compensation or dual benefit for services; for example, the same community service hours cannot be used to fulfill requirements for both MWGS Community Service and an honor society.
- All summer hours must be submitted to the Community Service Coordinator no later than two weeks after the first day of school. Community service hours logged in the **summer** prior to the freshman year will be accepted if the hours meet accepted criteria.
- In order to remain in “good standing” at MLWGS, students must have completed, submitted, and verified a minimum of the following number of eligible hours at the end of the grade level: (1) freshmen - 35 hours, (2)

Hours Submission and Approval Process

- All summer hours must be submitted to the Community Service Coordinator no later than two weeks after the first day of school.
- Community Service hours will always be approved when earned at nonprofit organizations, charities, local cemeteries, food banks, historic sites, shelters, hospitals, libraries, museums, nursing homes, recreational leagues, political campaigns, parks, and schools. Outreach done by religious organizations can be acceptable. If you are unsure about an organization, email Mr. Cook for approval.
- Submit the community service activity hours on your x2vol account and Request verification from your supervisor by email from your x2vol submission or with a paper verification form that can be scanned and uploaded with your x2vol submission.
- Community service coordinator will approve or deny hours (with explanation and possible offer to resubmit with edits). Approved hours will be exported to PowerSchool approximately every two weeks.

Organizations Where Students Have Earned Community Service Hours

American Lung Association
 American Red Cross
 Ask Childhood Cancer Foundation
 Arthritis Foundation
 Autism Society of Central Virginia
 BARK
 Brain Injury Association of Virginia
 Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation
 Capital Caring
 Caritas
 Central Virginia Legal Society
 Circle Center Adult Day Services
 Code Dojo
 Code VA
 Cookies for Cancer
 The Children’s Museum of Richmond
 Cross Over Clinic
 The Doorways
 Down Syndrome of Greater Richmond
 Easter Seals of Virginia
 Enrichmond
 FeedMore
 Fetch a Curve
 First Tee of Greater Richmond
 Frindship Circle
 Goodwill
 Hands on RVA
 Housing Families First
 James River Association
 Journey of Hope for Autism
 Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
 The Founders Center of Commonwealth Autism
 Habitat for Humanity and Habitat ReStore
 Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
 Maggie Walker Historic Site
 Maymont Foundation
 Miracles in Motion
 Money Matters to Students
 Music Orchard
 Operation Paintbrush
 Passages Camp
 Political Campaigning
 Quill Theater
 SPCA
 Sportable
 Reinhart House
 ReEstablish Richmond
 Relay for Life
 Richmond Friends of the Community
 Richmond Peace Education Cetner
 Rise Against Hunger
 Rockwood Park Nature Center
 RVAccess
 The Salvation Army
 Scrap RVA
 Shalom Farms
 Sylvia’s Sisters
 Special Olympics
 Sportsbackers
 STEP VA
 Therapeutic Riding at Galloping Acres
 Thrifty Sisters
 Tricycle Gardens
 Virginia Dental Association
 Virginia Hemophilia Association
 Virginia Supportive Housing
 VCU Medical Center
 Venture Richmond
 The Virginia Home
 Virginia State Park Youth Conservation Corps
 United Way
 YMCA
 Local cemeteries, food banks, historic sites, shelters, hospitals, libraries, museums, nursing homes, recreational leagues, parks, and public schools