

Class of 2013

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

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As described in its mission statement, the International Baccalaureate Organization “aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.” The IBO stresses the importance of extending a student’s educational experience beyond the classroom. Students in the Middle Years Program, through the Community and Service Area of Interaction, are encouraged to recognize their role in many communities ranging from their home and school environments to the global community. By becoming aware of their role and the needs within their communities, the hope is that students will cultivate a sense of responsibility to take action.

Below you will find an outline of the PAHS MYP Community and Service requirements. The International Baccalaureate Organization strongly emphasizes the importance of assessing and reflecting on what you have learned and, while meeting an hour’s requirement is a practical necessity of the MYP, we want to encourage students to develop an attitude of service. You will find that discovering meaningful ways to serve the community will offer many rewards and that the hours you accumulate will be time well spent.

Requirements

MYP students will be required to accumulate a minimum of 50 Community and Service hours per year. The **50 hours** must include a minimum of **35 service** hours and **15 action** hours.

Service Hours

Service is performed for a group or individual in the community without reward, personal benefit or payment.

Action Hours

Action hours include time spent practicing or enhancing a skill or talent outside of the regular school day. Action hours could come in the form of a recreational sport, private lessons or performances, or extracurricular activities such as debate, drama or forensics.

Community and Service Journal

A community and service journal will be developed for each MYP student. While Mrs. Rhodes will store the journal, its contents will be provided by the student. The journal will include a student information sheet, Community and Service log sheets, written reflections, and a photo reflection page of photos taken during service and/or action activities.

Log sheets

Students must record their service and action hours on a log sheet. Each activity recorded on the log sheet must include the signature of the adult that supervised the activity. Log sheets must be turned in by the indicated due dates until the minimum requirement is met. **All hours must be completed and reported by June 4, 2010***. Log sheet forms may be obtained from Mrs. Rhodes in room 304 or from the PAHS website. Due dates for the 2009-2010 school year are **November 20, February 5, April 30 and June 4***.

Reflections

Reflecting on a completed activity is an essential part of learning and is a central element of the Community and Service Area of Interaction.

Written Reflections

Each student must complete one written reflection per quarter using the appropriate reflections form. The piece may be written about any service activity that was completed during that quarter. Reflections are to be turned in to Mrs. Rhodes. Reflections forms may be obtained from Mrs. Rhodes in room 304 or from the PAHS website. Due dates for the 2009-2010 school year are **November 20, February 5, April 30 and June 4***.

Photo Reflection

As part of the reflection component, students must submit one page of photos (minimum of three photos) once per year documenting service and action activities. This page should be titled with the student's name, graduating class year, and the current school year. Each photo should include a descriptive caption. The photo page must be 8 1/2" x 11", may be electronically produced using digital photos or made up of pasted photos, and should be neat and creative. The photo sheet for this year must be submitted no later than **June 4, 2010***.

Resources

Princess Anne High School sponsors several community service clubs. Among them are the International Baccalaureate Student Organization, Key Club, Optimist Club, and Relay for Life Club. Joining a service club is a great way to get involved in a variety of service activities. A list of PAHS clubs and club sponsors is included in your student planner. Students may also find information regarding service activities via the internet through sites such as www.volunteerhr.org and others.

Summary of Due Dates for the Class of 2013*

November 20, 2009	Log Sheet & Written Reflection
February 5, 2010	Log Sheet & Written Reflection
April 30, 2010	Log Sheet & Written Reflection
June 4, 2010*	Log Sheet, Written Reflection & Photo Reflection

Please keep in mind that as the Middle Years Program continues to develop at Princess Anne High School, some aspects of the program are subject to change. Students will be notified of any change in requirements at the appropriate time. If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding Community and Service, please contact Mrs. Rhodes. You may find her most often in room 304 or email her at Patricia.Rhodes@VBSchools.com.

****Note: The due dates indicated on this fact sheet apply to the Class of 2013 only.***

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