



Wallingford Public Schools Helps the Community

Top portion to be filled out by student and signed by a member of the School Counseling Department OR administration **before the event.**

PART 1 – STUDENT fill out – Please print:

Name of Student: _____

Class of: _____ (Student grade at time of service: 9 10 11 12)

Description of Community Service: _____

Location or Sponsoring Group: Wallingford Soccer Club

Date(s) of Community Service: _____

Anticipated Number of Hours: _____

For Office Use Only

Experience Meets Criteria of

WPS Community Service:

Administrator/School Counselor

Date

PART 2 – CONTACT PERSON from SPONSORING GROUP fill out – after the service:

Name of Student: _____ has completed the service as described above.

Date of Completion: _____

Number of hours: _____ (These hours cannot be used toward other community service requirements outside of school.)

Student has met Community
Service Obligation:

Contact Person (please print name)

Date

Signature

Phone Number

Student: Please put this form in a safe place while you are performing this community service. Be sure to return this form to the School Counseling Office to receive credit for graduation.



COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT GUIDELINE

As a graduation requirement, each student must complete **thirty hours of voluntary community service** in one or more non-profit organizations. These hours may be attained through service to a variety of non-profit groups, community organizations and/or school activities. To be considered for community service hours, activities must in no way be related to assignments in any credit bearing courses. For example, students who have to prepare an after-school meal to senior citizens as a classroom assignment would not be able to use those hours for their community service requirement. If students volunteered several hours to serve the meal to senior citizens or clean up the senior center, those hours could be used. *Students also will not be able to use volunteer hours which are required by an outside organization. As an example, if a church youth group required each member to volunteer for ten hours as part of a program requirement; this time could not be counted in meeting the WPS graduation requirement.*

The community service form will be available in the school counseling office. Students will be responsible for completing the cover page of the form. The completed form must then be signed by an appropriate official of the sponsoring group or activity, who must in no way be related to the student.

The thirty hours of community service may be accrued any time after graduation from eighth grade. Community service hours must be completed by May 1 of the senior year to meet this graduation requirement.

Students transferring to Wallingford will have the amount of community service hours prorated. As an example, a senior transfer would only have to accrue seven and a half hours of volunteer time, instead of thirty.

Students may be exempted from this requirement for religious or other reasons only at the discretion of the school principal or his/her designee.

Lists of participating non-profit organizations can be found both on the school counseling website and in the school counseling office. Students can also access the following website at www.volunteersolutions.org for a listing of additional volunteer opportunities thru the United Way.