

Community Service Graduation Requirement

The Madison Plains High School Community Service graduation requirement supports the belief that students benefit from the opportunity to make meaningful connections and enrich the lives of others by performing service for their community without receiving any external reward or financial benefit. This requirement is intended to assist students in becoming educated citizens within a safe and successful community. This requirement involves students working on a VOLUNTARY basis in non-profit agencies, the public sector or educational institutions. (See list of suggested locations below.) Twenty (20) hours of voluntary community involvement are required of each student that graduates from Madison Plains High School. We are recommending that students complete at least five hours of community service a year. Students that enter Madison Plains after their freshman year will be prorated with the hourly requirement. (Example: A student enters MP their Junior year. They will be required to perform ten hours of community service. 5 hours for Junior year and 5 hours for Senior year.) Students are highly encouraged to complete this requirement early in their high school career but MUST be completed by May 1st of their graduating year. Community service hours must be logged online on the Community Service hours form. Instruction for logging in your hours are provided below.

Students may **NOT** accept compensation for their efforts. Community service must be performed outside of the school day.

Suggested Community Service Opportunities:

All school sites	Community Centers	Civic organizations
Athletic games	Museums	Libraries
Youth sports leagues	Veteran's Affairs	FFA
Booster organizations	Cemeteries	City Hall
4H	City & State Parks	Skate Parks
Tutoring	City pools & recreation	Fire Depts.
Child care centers	Assisted living homes	Senior centers
Churches, Temples	Food Pantries	Animal Shelters
Boys & Girls Clubs	Scouts	Kiwanis
Homeless shelters	National Honor Society or Student Council Activities	

Where is the Community Service hours form located?

You can find the form on the Madison Plains website. It is located on the "**Guidance**" webpage or on the "**Student**" tab.

How to find the Guidance webpage?

Go to the Madison Plains website at mplsd.org. At the top, click on **Schools**, then click on **High School**. On the left side of the screen, Click on **Guidance**. This is the Guidance webpage.

What information do I need to enter my hours?

You need the person's name or organization you did volunteer work for. What community service work you provided, how many minutes or hours you provided, the date you provided the service, and their phone number so we can call and verify this information is correct. You will also need to enter your name, email address and the year you will graduate.