

Service As Action: New Community Service Framework for Class of 2020 and 2021

Starting with the Class of 2020, we are excited about changes to our community service requirement. These new changes reflect flexibility by honoring service within our community, school building, and classroom.

For many years, the high school has maintained a 40 hour community service requirement. Under this model, community service was only recognized outside of the school day. Recently, the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) updated requirements and our changes reflect the IBO's seven new learning outcome goals for Service as Action (formerly community service). These new learner outcome goals include:

1. Students become more aware of their own strengths and areas for growth.
2. Students undertake challenges that develop new skills.
3. Students discuss, evaluate and plan student-initiated activities.
4. Students persevere in action.
5. Students work collaboratively with others.
6. Students develop international-mindedness through global engagement, multilingualism and intercultural understanding.
7. Students consider the ethical implications of their actions.

The new graduation requirement for ninth and tenth graders will be to have at least one Service as Action experience per year (minimum of four total). As part of the process, students will submit an online form detailing the experience, hours, reflection and verification of hours (if appropriate). Students will continue to be encouraged to perform and document quantitative hours of service in efforts for recognition with higher education, scholarships, and honor society membership. This is in addition to thoughtful reflection on the learning outcomes.

Detailed information, including FAQs and the Service as Action form, can be found on our Community Service webpage.

Mrs. Marianne Litz, Community Service Coordinator, (mlitz@bloomfield.org) will manage and support students in this new program. The original 40 hour community service requirement will remain in place for the Class of 2019.