



## Bloomfield Hills Schools Graduation Requirement Change: Community Service

### Service as Action: FAQs

Community Service is based on a compliance model reflective of meaningful service and action by students. Goals are:

- 1) Meaningful experiences for students
- 2) Reflection that ties to learning
- 3) Authentic ties to the curriculum
- 4) Opportunities to build on experiences in high school.

#### What changed from the language of the graduation requirement?

- Starting with the Class of 2020, the 40 service hour requirement has been removed. It has been replaced with: Students are now required to submit reflection relating to the Learning Outcomes on a minimum of one experience each year in grades 9-12.
- We have removed the agency requirement. Students can now document and reflect upon Service as Action experiences that originate in their classroom, with a team or club, and that occur during the school day. These experiences, when connected to the curriculum, their activities, and the school community are valuable and should be recognized through reflection on their learning.

#### Learning Outcomes of Service?

The student reflection will be guided using one or more of the 7 Learning Outcomes for Service. These originate from the IB Middle Years Programme. This will serve as the continuity between middle and high school. While the MYP ends in the curriculum with 10th grade, these Learning Outcomes have been deemed valuable and will continue to be used for all Service as Action Experience Reflections through 12th grade at BHHS.



Will hours continue to be counted?

Yes. As students log their experiences they will continue to log hours. This will be done NOT for the purpose of Bloomfield Hills Schools graduation requirement, but for significantly service minded students that wish to document their time spent serving others for awards, scholarships, and National Honor Society recognition.

Who will keep track of this?

At BHHS the responsibilities will include:

- **Community Service Coordinator:**
  - S/he will manage the database of students and verify who has met the graduation requirement of one reflected experience per year.
  - S/he will work with the **guidance counselors** to report this.
  - S/he will collect and verify outside agency participation.
  - S/he will log mass verification by teachers, coaches, clubs.
  - S/he will communicate transcript notation with Records.

Special Circumstances

- Transfer students are “prorated” on their one/year requirement based on when they enroll.
- Students cannot carry service forward beyond one experience per year. If they log and reflect on 4 in 9th grade they must still complete a minimum of one each subsequent year.
- Students can go back and do retroactive experiences in order to meet 4 experiences before graduation.