

SERVICE LEARNING AT EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

Service Learning is a great way for young adults to give back to the community, to gain experience, and to grow in understanding and empathy. Service Learning provides high school students with valuable understanding of real world issues while gaining job experience, social skills, and self-discipline which will serve them in their post-secondary years and beyond. It is an important part of our youth culture, and it provides the opportunity for gaining many of the traits we want to encourage and foster in the students of Edison High School. We want service learning here at Edison to be a vehicle for our students to develop as citizens who can use good problem solving skills, experience a sense of social responsibility, who recognize that young adults can make a difference in their communities, and who learn how their actions affect others.

- Hours are due at the end of 3rd quarter, and students must complete a reflection, in project or paper format, on their activities due at the beginning of 4th quarter. Students should see their advisors for format and requirements.
- Parents and guardians should email the number of hours completed, the organizations and activities students participate in to their advisory teachers.

By the end of 3rd quarter each year students are required to complete a certain number of Service Learning hours in order to stay on track for graduation.

- Freshmen need to complete at least 15 hours.
- By the end of sophomore year, students need to have completed 35 hours.
- By the end of junior year students need to have completed 55 hours.
- Seniors need 75 or more hours to graduate.
- *A limit of 10 hours of service learning each year may be from Edison events, including:*
 - Link Crew – 6 hours
 - Edison Breakfast – 2 hours
 - Edison Auction – 4 hours

All remaining hours must be served through community service organizations.

- Service Learning is worth part of the Advisory grade.
- *Students may also choose to complete service learning during their summer vacation.*
- We want students to self-select their service learning experience. There are many opportunities throughout the Portland metro area and opportunities are sometimes listed in the Edison newsletter and there is a large list on our website under Student Life/Service Learning. Families are encouraged to assist their student or join with them for their service learning projects. *handsonportland.org* is an excellent resource for ideas.
- **Students are required to have an adult family member email a list of their activities and hours to their advisory teacher by the end of 3rd quarter.**
- Along with documentation, students are also required to submit a paper or a project reflecting on and describing their experience(s). A handout explaining this reflection is available from advisory teachers. **The reflection is due to each student's advisory teacher the second week of 4th quarter.**
- If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email our service learning director, Kassie Halpin at khalpin@edisonhs.org