



# GRADUATION VOLUNTEERING COMMITMENT

## GRADUATION HONOR FOR EXCELLENCE IN VOLUNTEERING

This is an honor for high school students who contribute significantly to the improvement of their school or the greater community through volunteering. All GCS high school students may choose to earn the Honor for Excellence in Volunteering. Students who earn this honor will receive a purple cord of recognition at graduation and be recognized at their Senior Awards Assembly.

The Honor for Excellence in Volunteering will be awarded to students for their completion of 150 hours of unpaid service throughout their four years of high school. **At least 20% (i.e., 30 hours) need to be earned in more than one category. Hours are subject to approval. Any activity that is not on the approved list of categories must be pre-approved by Administration before it is counted.**

### Category A:

- Volunteer time assisting or coaching any sport or athletic activity without compensation.
- Volunteer time helping a teacher or office staff member without compensation.  
(Travel and "hanging out" time does not count. Time must be spent outside of school hours.)  
*(Examples: Running the time clock for a basketball game, covering books for the office, etc.)*

### Category B:

- Volunteer time on missions work or raising money for missions work. Hours spent planning the project count.
- Time spent after school or on weekends on a mission project or school-organized activity.  
(Note regarding mission trips: Travel time, meal time and sleep time do not count.)  
*(Examples: Building homes in Juarez, collecting and sorting cans on Saturday for a food drive, etc.)*

### Category C:

- Volunteer time at church.  
*(Examples: Teaching Sunday school/VBS, assisting children/office staff, set up/tear down, etc.)*

### Category D:

- Volunteer time babysitting or tutoring outside of school time without compensation.  
(Note: Babysitting/tutoring your own family members does not count.)

### Category E:

- Volunteer time at a non-profit secular charity.
- Lumina in-school service hours (beginning with the 2009-2010 school year).  
*(Examples: Serving food at a soup kitchen, Feed My Starving Children, etc.)*

I have read and understand the requirements for the Honor for Excellence in Volunteering award. I also understand that all log sheets must be turned in to the office every year **before May 1** in order for that year's hours to be counted.

### REQUIRED SIGNATURE

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Student Name (please print)

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Grade