

## COMMUNITY SERVICE CHECKLIST

- All students are required to obtain five (5) hours of community service for each school year they are enrolled at RCHS (20 hours by February of Senior Year).
- Students transferring to RCHS who have earned community service hours at another high school can have their previous schools fax or email proof of hours to RCHS. Those hours will count toward the RCHS requirement.
- Service hours are to be obtained OUTSIDE normal academic hours.
- Check the list of acceptable and non-acceptable activities. Refer any questions to the community service coordinator.
- Service hour forms are to be completed then returned to the community service coordinator in the Cooper library/media center.



RCHS & Boone County Schools do not certify, interview, authorize, recommend or contract with any person or entity as it relates to community service hours. Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for deciding where and when community service will be performed. RCHS & Boone County Schools are not responsible for the supervision, safety, or well-being of any students performing community service for any person or entity.



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# Community Service is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT



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Cooper's Community Service page:  
<http://www.boone.kyschools.us/5/Content2/26>

## What does Community Service mean at RCHS?

We want you to go out into your community, donate your time and energy to reach out and be aware of others' needs.



### Volunteering...

- allows you to support families in need, beautify the community, improve schools
- promotes personal growth & self-esteem
- will uncover your hidden talents
- saves resources
- builds teamwork, working toward a common goal
- allows you to gain professional experience
- allows you to give back to your community
- encourages civic responsibility

### EXAMPLES OF VALID COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

school-sponsored activities, animal shelters, YMCA, soup-kitchens, hospitals, nursing homes, Special Olympics, non-profit agencies, church-sponsored activities, civic outreach programs

### **SBDM** **GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS**

Cooper students must **have 5 hours** for every full year at RCHS\* or 20 hours total by February of their SENIOR year to participate in graduation ceremonies. Students without their community service hours will **not** receive a diploma and will **not** walk with their graduating class.

\*Deadlines will be determined annually and listed in students' agendas.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS THAT ARE

NOT ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES AND DO NOT SERVE SEVERAL PEOPLE

DO NOT COUNT TOWARD THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

### *Examples* include:

mowing your neighbor's yard, babysitting, providing a service that is not organized in nature, raising funds for the sports or recreational team for which you are a member, playing for or performing for a team/club for which you are a member, working for your family-owned business, job-shadowing, or if you receive compensation (pay)