



RS 17:264, Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators: §2317. High Schools, outlines the diploma endorsements Louisiana high school students may earn upon graduation. School systems may award a Community Service Endorsement to students completing a minimum of 80 hours of service anytime between ninth and twelfth grade. Students may earn service hours identified in the Community Service Diploma Endorsement Categories.

To earn the Community Service Endorsement, the student must earn a minimum of 80 community service hours by graduation. The school system will use the <u>Community Service Diploma Endorsement Tracking Form</u> to summarize the student efforts recorded on the <u>Community Service Diploma Endorsement Student Documentation Form</u>.

Documentation is housed at the local level.

Volunteering may look a little different to Louisiana's students due to the Coronavirus. Students are having to seek out opportunities to volunteer online or from their home to ensure safety guidelines are met.

Below, are some ways students can volunteer safely and still assist their community during the global pandemic.

- Support <u>Nonprofits</u> in the area like <u>American Red Cross</u>, <u>Habitat for Humanity</u>, <u>Feeding America</u> and <u>Goodwill</u> to assist with drives, fundraising, delivering meals, sorting supplies and increasing awareness.
- Participate in research projects coordinated by **Zooniverse**.
- Donate blood or plasma.
- Participate in the "Every Name Counts" project that asks volunteers to document and digitize names of victims of Nazi persecution.
- Select a task to support the <u>United Nations</u> in order to address sustainable development challenges using any device.
- Make masks to donate to those who need them or to <u>Masks4Medicine</u>.
- Use bilingual skills to translate materials for <u>Translators Without Borders</u>.
- Digitize documents for the Smithsonian Institution's Transcription Center.
- Offer tutoring services through Zoom, Google Meets, Facetime and/or Messenger.
- Provide social media and website supports for churches or small businesses.
- ¹Provide education and public awareness on an important topic.
- Decorate a school, office, senior center or shelter for an upcoming holiday.
- Offer technology support through written instructions, Zoom, or Facetime to improve access to library materials
 or interaction with others.
- Provide services for an animal shelter.
- Host virtual storytime for younger children.
- Create thank-you cards and signs for essential workers.
- Provide vision supports to blind and low-vision people through the **Be My Eyes app**.
- Visit <u>VolunteerMatch</u> or <u>Points of Light</u> to search for available volunteer opportunities in your community.
- Clean up trash after an event, at a park, or around a neighborhood.
- Adopt an elderly person and keep in contact with them through Zoom, calls, messenger and/or Facetime.
- Provide dog walking, lawn cutting, leaf raking or babysitting services.
- Make print materials accessible to people with disabilities by proofreading and describing images for Bookshare.