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KCHS Service Program

In keeping with her mission, Knoxville Catholic High School seeks to partner with parents, surrounding parishes, and the greater Knoxville community to prepare our students to be disciples of Christ who influence a constantly changing world. Service to others is an integral part of Catholic identity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “The duty to make oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the disadvantaged, in whatever area this may be. ‘As you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it to me.’” (Catholic Church 1932)

Corporal Works of Mercy, Types of Service, and Required Amounts of Service

The KCHS Service Program **requires that hours incorporate The Corporal Works of Mercy:** feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the prisoners, and burying the dead.

In the **2023-24 school year**, all students are required to complete **10 hours of service**, either Indirect (10) OR Direct (5) or any combination thereof.

One direct service hour is equal to **two** indirect service hours, so any combination of indirect and direct hours to equal 10 total hours per year is acceptable.

Direct Service must involve face-to-face interactions with those who will benefit from the service.

Indirect Service indirectly helps another. When giving indirect service, students are not personally interacting with those who are receiving the service.

Example: A student who works at a soup kitchen *servicing* meals performs direct service.
A student who collects canned food to donate to a soup kitchen performs indirect service.

Total Service Hour Graduation Requirements Per Class

Grade Level	Grad Year	Hours due 23-24	Graduation Total
Freshmen	2027	10	40
Sophomores	2026		40
Juniors*	2025		30
Seniors*	2024		20

* Due to COVID protocols, the KCHS Service program was suspended. Therefore, these students have a reduced hour requirement.

Tracking

Online tracking will be provided by MobileServe. More information will come in the fall. **In the meantime, please keep a paper log and supervisor contact information for tracking summer hours.**

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