



## **Community Service Learning**

Community Service Learning (CSL) is an educational process, which enhances the quality of life within the school and the community. Community Service Learning combines instruction, college- and career-readiness skills, and voluntary participation by supporting activities or obtaining contributions of goods.

### **Program Requirements**

#### ***Powhatan High School***

Students who meet the high school Community Service Learning requirements will receive a Powhatan County Public Schools Community Service Learning seal on their high school diploma.

- Students will complete 80 hours (or 20 hours annually for transfers) of community service to non-profit organizations during high school.
- Students may begin accruing hours during the summer prior to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students must complete at least 10 hours per year.
- Students must receive hours from at least four different sources or organizations.
- No more than 40 hours can come from a single source or organization.
- Students must submit their hours during the school year in which the hours were earned.
- Students may not use service to Powhatan High School for CSL hours.
- Service required for honor societies, extra-curricular or co-curricular organizations may not be used for CSL hours.
- Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-2016 will complete an average of 20 hours per year until graduation.
- Students will submit their hours to the class sponsors at the end of each school year.
- Students who are unsure if activities will be eligible for CSL hours should consult with the class sponsor.

#### ***Pocahontas Middle School***

Students who meet the middle school Community Service Learning requirements will be recognized at the school level.

- Students will complete 15 hours (or 5 hours annually for transfers) of community service to non-profit organizations during middle school.
- Students may begin accruing hours during the summer prior to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students must receive hours from at least two different sources or organizations.
- No more than 10 hours can come from a single source or organization.
- Students must submit their hours during the school year in which the hours were earned.
- Students may not use service to Pocahontas Middle School for CSL hours.
- Service required for extra-curricular or co-curricular organizations may not be used for CSL hours.
- Students who entered 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2015 or 2016 will complete an average of 5 hours per year.

Powhatan County Public Schools is proud to recognize the continued commitment of service to our community by our students.