

# American Nicaraguan School Service Cord

The American Nicaraguan School is dedicated to creating and cultivating lifelong learners that can apply knowledge to service. We feel that through service, our students can become educated citizens that find value in contributing to a better, more peaceful world. In order to become well-rounded, young adults, students should approach service as an investment in the lives of others.

In order to receive the service cord, students are required to complete and document 150 service hours throughout their high school career. Our staff will help guide each child through this process, but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the student to document and record his/her service hours and reflections. It is important to note that travel time to and from the location does not count towards service hours. Only hours achieved through providing direct service should be counted. Documentation will occur through:

- ANS Service Activity Log
- Record and reflect in student e-portfolio (within 1 week of the service)

Service hours vary depending on grade level for this year only. In order to receive a service cord, students must document at least 150 hours over the course of four (4) years. Each service opportunity must be accompanied with a reflection or blog in the student e-portfolio. Students are only allowed to document 20 hours over each summer. Below is a chart for each grade and the hours required before graduation:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Hours Required</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>150</b>

\*Hours listed above are the minimum for completion for our service cord. It is our hope that each student will approach service learning with a desire to do far more.

## **What is community service?**

Community service is a great way to give back to your local or global community. There are several ways to apply what you are learning or have learned to something meaningful. Ideas include:

### **Local Organizations**

- One of the many service clubs on campus
- Special Olympics
- Cleanup Projects
- Humane Society
- Fabretto
- Nursing Home/Hospitals
- Habitat for Humanity

### **Global Organizations**

- Red Cross
- Heifer International
- [www.projects-abroad.org/](http://www.projects-abroad.org/)
- UNICEF
- Vacations abroad with excursions to local schools to teach English

### **Websites for Glocal (global/local) Projects**

- [www.volunteerforever.com/article\\_post/2016-best-volunteer-abroad-programs-organizations-projects](http://www.volunteerforever.com/article_post/2016-best-volunteer-abroad-programs-organizations-projects)
- [www.goodnet.org/articles/397](http://www.goodnet.org/articles/397)
- [www.teenlife.com/blogs/50-community-service-ideas-teen-volunteers](http://www.teenlife.com/blogs/50-community-service-ideas-teen-volunteers)
- Volunteerinternational.org
- Vfp.org
- Charity.org
- Globalvolunteernetwork.org

## **What is not community service?**

- Chores around the house
- Anything you receive a tangible benefit from, such as money or favors
- Time associated with practicing for extra curricular activities
- Anything that will result in a grade from a course

**\* It is important to note that any documentation that is submitted to The American Nicaraguan School will follow our Academic Honesty policy. Any student that falsifies or fraudulently turns in hours that are not their own will be subject to disciplinary action.**