



Kempsville High School EBA Community Service Component

Kempsville and our surrounding community have been a tremendous support in assisting to establish the Entrepreneurship & Business Academy at Kempsville High School. EBA students directly benefit from the kindness and generosity of our partners. We want to ensure that we are creating students who are not only critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers but who are also civic-minded and understand the importance of service and giving back. Social entrepreneurship plays a large role in today's world and many of our students are interested in creating and assisting businesses who give back and have a service-based mindset. This academy requirement ensures that all of our students spend time giving back to our local community who gives so much to them during their time in this program.

Top 10 Reasons to do Community Service:

1. Opportunity to make a difference.
2. Meet new people who are interested in areas that interest you.
3. The chance to use your gifts and talents in interesting ways.
4. Chance to improve the quality of life for those around you.
5. Help you decide on a career path.
6. Easy way to get experience in your future field of work.
7. Volunteering looks excellent on your resume.
8. Makes you more competitive for scholarships and college entrance.
9. Helps you discover new insights about yourself and some of the attitudes you hold about life.
10. Volunteering gives you a feeling of fulfillment knowing that you made a difference in someone's life that may last an hour, a day, or maybe even a lifetime.

Towson University. 2 Nov. 2007. Life@TU 13 Nov. 2006.

<http://wwwnew.towson.edu/studentactivities/communityservice/index.asp>>

EBA Hour Requirement:

Students who enroll in the Entrepreneurship & Business Academy as freshmen will need to complete 100 hours of community service related activities/events (list of ideas included below) during their time of enrollment at Kempsville High School. The recommendation is that students **complete 25 hours of community service a year** to reach the goal of 100 hours for students who enroll as freshmen. (The Class of 2020 will need to complete at least 75 hours). Students are encouraged to complete more than 100 hours but only 100 hours are required by May 1 the year that they graduate from the Academy/KHS. Students who complete the most community service hours in a year will be honored/awarded for their efforts through recognition/assembly events to be scheduled in the future.

Completing Community Service Hours:

Students can complete community service hours upon enrollment in the Entrepreneurship & Business Academy when they become a Kempsville High School student. The summer before 9th grade, is an acceptable time to begin working on community service hours that will count towards the requirement. Community service hours over each summer will count towards the requirement until the student's graduation from KHS. We recommend that students complete 25 hours a year to maintain the 100 hour graduation requirement.

What Counts towards Community Service?

Many things will count toward the community service requirement. Students are limited only by their imagination and a few other school based requirements. Ms. Timlin & Mrs. Thompson often receive information for opportunities to complete community service hours and we will post those on Google Classroom or send them in our weekly email updates. Hours can be counted towards more than one

organization. For example, if the baseball team is volunteering at the local elementary school those hours can be counted towards EBA and Baseball!

School-based ideas:

- Working in the Main Office (help Ms. Timlin), the library, or guidance (20 hours max a semester)
- Assisting teachers on special projects or setting up/packing their classroom at the beginning or end of the school year
- Peer Tutoring
- Assisting with Academy Open House & other academy events
- Assisting with Academy 9th grade Orientation
- Tutoring at elementary schools or helping with elementary school carnivals, etc.
- Mayor's Youth Task Force

Local/Global Community Ideas:

- Volunteering with nonprofit organizations
- Volunteering for civic projects and events
- Feeding the homeless
- Collecting/Knitting blankets
- Visiting nursing homes/centers
- Volunteering at the Virginia Aquarium
- Free babysitting for non-relatives (max of 20 hours per year)
- Assisting with church events to help the community
- Participating in events within the local community/entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Participating in events with the Friends of the EBA

Let's Brainstorm some more together....

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What will not count as community service?

- Anything that is required as a class assignment or that personally benefits the student
- Raising money for band, sports teams, or other organizations to which the student belongs and will profit from in some way
- Work completed during school/class time hours
- Playing on a sports team, band or acting in a play
- Any paid work does not count as community service
- Community service done during school hours does not count towards community service
- Field trips (unless approved or explicitly stated as a community service opportunity)
- Events at school that are required for all academy students or that occur during the school day

Tracking Community Service Hours & Verification Forms:

- To get credit for community service hours, you must turn in a verification log with signatures or sign in on the proper sign in form. Parents should not sign for their child's participation in community service. Students are responsible for securing signatures from the organization with which they are volunteering. This is a conflict of interest for a parent to sign their child's form and hours will not be counted when signed for by a parent, unless there is an approved reason for the parent to sign by the Academy Coordinator.
- Forms are available in Ms. Timlin's office, Mrs. Thompson's office and on the EBA Weebly page.

- The form must be filled out completely (all signatures are essential).
- The forms must be turned into Ms. Timlin in the Main Office after an event.
- If Ms. Timlin's door is closed, please slide them under the door or give them to Mrs. Branch (in the Main Office) to put in her mailbox in the Main Office.
- The forms may be turned in anytime during the school year.
- Incoming freshmen are encouraged to begin community service the summer before entering the EBA after the last day of school (completed 8th grade).
- Last day for seniors to turn in forms will be May 15 of their graduating year.
- Do not hold verification logs! If they are not documented and reported, community service for the previous school year will expire each year on October 31st.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where do I get the forms?

A: The EBA website or Ms. Timlin/Mrs. Thompson's office.

Q: Where do I turn in forms?

A: Ms. Timlin's office

Q: Who will track the hours?

A: Ms. Timlin is responsible for tracking hours. An update of hours will be provided to each student at the start of each school year.

Q: How long do I have to collect hours?

A: Hours must be turned in no later than October 31 of the following year. Ex. 10/31 of Sophomore year for Freshman year.

Q: What happens if I don't fulfill the requirement?

A: Academy seal and medallion are awarded to students who fulfill requirements. They must be completed to graduate as an Academy student.

Recognitions Earned through Community Service:

Civics Education Diploma Seal:

Upon 50 hours of documented community service students can earn the Civics Education diploma seal if they also maintain a B in US History and a B in Government and have a clean discipline/behavior record.

EBA Student Honors:

EBA students with the most Community Service hours each year will also be recognized for their efforts around community service and giving back.