

Service Learning Update
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Students shall:

- not be paid for their service.
- not earn hours for service to a for profit business.
- not earn hours for service in preparation for or during religious services or religious education. Service, such as helping at church dinners and mission work, is acceptable, as long as it is pre-approved and meets the Preparation, Action, Reflection (PAR) criteria.
- not earn hours for assisting family members for tasks such as cutting the lawn or babysitting.
- not be excused from school to earn service learning hours.
- make sure plans are pre-approved by the principal/designee.

Transfer students:

The following only applies to students who are transferring from an **out of state school or private school**. Students who have been/remain in the state of Maryland are held to the same standards as Howard County students.

For transfer students, hours will be prorated for those entering HCPSS for the first time in grade 10. The graduation requirement is linked to the grade level of first enrollment into HCPSS.

Grade Level of <u>First</u> Enrollment into HCPSS Between Grades 6 - 12	Maximum of Number of Hours Required
6 th , 7 th or 8 th grade	75 hours
9 th grade	75 hours
10 th grade	50 hours
11 th grade (first semester)	40 hours
11 th grade (second semester)	30 hours
12 th grade (first semester)	15 hours
12 th grade (second semester)	10 hours