

Maverick Commitment to Service

At The Smith Academy we are committed to preparing our students for a successful life beyond high school. Providing focused career pathways and rigorous academics is the first step. Connecting students to the community and helping them recognize their role within that community is the second, and equally important step. To do this, we focus on increasing personal leadership capacity and social responsibility throughout high school.

- In Practice, this means that each year our students are expected to participate in lessons and service projects focused on:
- Understanding the nature of communities and their interdependence
- Identifying needs of different communities and the world
- Working with community members to respond to identified needs
- Using their skills and abilities to take an active role in making a difference

Service hours tracked through academic classes as follows:

Grade	Academic Class	Type of Service	Hours per semester
9	English	<i>Individual Volunteerism or Community Service:</i> 8 hours	3 hours/semester 1 5 hours/semester 2
10	World History (Social Studies)	Individual Community Service: 8 hours	3 hours/semester 1 5 hours/semester 2
11	Social Studies & CTE	Small Group Service Learning: 20 hours Students will complete an approved small group project that takes on a leadership role and uses specific skills and abilities to address a need. The students will present their project to the community at the MCS/Capstone event.	20 hours service project throughout the year
12	English & CTE	Capstone Service-Learning Project: 40 hours Students will complete a capstone project that takes them through the process of proposal, development, implementation, and reflection. This may be an internship/job shadow, a job, a leadership position within the school, post-secondary class connected to college/career goals not serving as a requirement for student's high school diploma.	40 hours/year

