



## Celebration High School's Pre-IB Community Service Requirement

Celebration High School's Pre-IB students are required to engage in a total of 50 hours of community service over the course of their Freshman and Sophomore years in the spirit of the IB Programme's philosophy of CAS:

*The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better a more peaceful world. ~IB Learner Profile Booklet (March 2006)*

Creating "a better and more peaceful world" is a large aim. Working towards it should be seen as involving many small steps, which may be taken locally, nationally or internationally. It is important to see activities in a broader context, bearing in mind the maxim "Think globally, act locally." Working with people from different social or cultural backgrounds in the vicinity of the school can do as much to increase mutual understanding as large international projects.

(IBO CAS Guide, March 2008)

### What are the advantages of this requirement?

- Students become contributors to their local community.
- Students get used to scheduling time each week for community service hours so that when they enter the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, they will be used to completing CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) hours. 150 hours are required in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Students will have the opportunity to establish relationships with various community agencies, institutions, and individuals that they will be able to maintain for all four years.
- Students can explore various career interests through their community service, such as hospital volunteers, animal caretakers, and teaching computer skills to senior adults.
- Students will have the majority of their Florida Bright Futures requirement of 75 community service hours complete by the time they finish 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

### What are the expectations?

CHS's Pre-IB students are required to engage in a total of 50 hours of community service. Students may begin working on their community service hours in the summer prior to entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, however no more than 10 hours from summer will go toward fulfilling the student's 9<sup>th</sup> grade requirement of 25 hours. Students must complete the first 25 hours prior to the end of their Freshman year, providing the required signatures and documentation on the Community Service Log Sheet. Another 25 hours must be completed during Sophomore year with the same stipulations as stated for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

### What qualifies as community service?

To qualify, service must be of a voluntary nature for which the student does not receive monetary compensation. The service cannot be performed for an immediate family member, and family members cannot sign as supervisors for activities.

Many students may discover that they are already involved in activities that would qualify as community service. If you are uncertain, please check with CHS's IB Coordinator prior to recording the activity.

### How are service hours documented?

Students are required to keep track of all hours of service by recording each activity on the Community Service Log Sheet available in the IB Office or from the Inquiry Skills teacher. All hours recorded on the log sheet must be signed off on by the adult supervising the activity. Multiple activities can be recorded on each Log Sheet. It is the student's responsibility to maintain accurate records of their service and pace themselves in order to meet the timeline requirements for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Periodically, students may be asked to reflect on their service activities in the form of a journal entry or other writing activity.