

MYP COMMUNITY SERVICE **REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Every MYP student is required to keep a portfolio. The portfolio is to have a section dedicated solely to community service. This section should include all log sheets and self-evaluations. Photos should be included as well.**
- 2. All projects must be recorded on the log sheets with supervisor signatures and documented hours, along with thorough and well-written reflections.**
- 3. All MYP students are required to complete a minimum of 30 hours of community service every school year. (Students are encouraged to focus not on the “hours” but the true meaning of the service...what does (s)he gain from the project, what do others gain, etc.)**

What is good community service??? It should involve a new role for the student, a real task (preferably organized by the student), real consequences, and opportunities for inward reflection.

What is “not” good community service??? Washing a parent’s car, babysitting, homework (or anything done for a grade), simple and tedious work, passive pursuits (like visiting a museum, theater, or attending a concert), any activity which can be considered proselytizing, work experience which only benefits the student, fundraising with no clearly defined topic/goal in sight, any activity where there is no leader/responsible adult on site to evaluate and confirm student performance, any activity which causes division amongst different groups in a community.



See Mrs. Jenkins if you have questions, or email cjenkins@westlakeacademy.org