

Career and College Readiness

Community Service Opportunities

[RS 17:264, Bulletin 741](#), Louisiana Handbook for *School Administrators*: §2317. High Schools, outlines the diploma endorsements Louisiana high school students may earn upon graduation. School systems may award a Community Service Endorsement to students completing a minimum of 80 hours of service anytime between ninth and twelfth grade. Students may earn service hours identified in the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Categories](#).

To earn the Community Service Endorsement, the student must earn a minimum of 80 community service hours by graduation. The school system will use the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Tracking Form](#) to summarize the student efforts recorded on the [Community Service Diploma Endorsement Student Documentation Form](#). Documentation is housed at the local level.

Below are some ways students can volunteer.

- Support [Nonprofits](#) in the area, such as [American Red Cross](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#), [Feeding America](#), and [Goodwill](#), to assist with drives, fundraising, delivering meals, sorting supplies, and increasing awareness.
- Participate in research projects coordinated by [Zooniverse](#).
- Donate blood or plasma.
- Make masks to donate to those who need them or to [Masks4Medicine](#).
- Use bilingual skills to translate materials for [Translators Without Borders](#).
- Digitize documents for the [Smithsonian Institution's Transcription Center](#).
- Offer tutoring services through Zoom, Google Meets, Facetime, and/or Messenger.
- Provide social media and website support for churches or small businesses.
- Provide education and public awareness on an important topic.
- Decorate a school, office, senior center, or shelter for an upcoming holiday.
- Offer technology support through written instructions, Zoom, or Facetime to improve access to library materials or interaction with others.
- Provide services for an animal shelter.
- Host a virtual storytime for younger children.
- Create thank-you cards and signs for essential workers.
- Provide vision support to blind and low-vision people through the [Be My Eyes](#) app.
- Visit [VolunteerMatch](#) or [Points of Light](#) to search for available volunteer opportunities in your community.

- Clean up trash after an event, at a park, or around a neighborhood.
- Adopt an elderly person and stay in contact with them through Zoom, calls, messenger, and/or Facetime.
- Provide dog walking, lawn cutting, leaf raking, or babysitting services.
- Make print materials accessible to people with disabilities by proofreading and describing images for [Bookshare](#).