

San Juan Diego Catholic High School Christian Service Hours

Purpose:

As a Catholic High School, San Juan Diego seeks not only to educate students' minds, but also their hearts, so that they may become robust disciples of the Lord. Since Jesus was a person committed to service, his disciples also must be. In service, Christian people encounter their neighbors and their God in concrete ways. Through mandatory service hours, the students of San Juan Diego Catholic High School will form a habit of service that will last them a lifetime, enriching their spiritual lives and transforming them into caring people who generously respond to the needs of society.

Requirements:

All San Juan Diego students are required to perform direct service to people of need. While the school's Campus Ministry Office organizes a variety of service opportunities, it is the responsibility of each student to complete the required number of hours. All students are required to complete 10 hours of service per semester, adding up to **20 hours per year**, and 80 hours over four years. Incoming Freshmen may complete hours towards their Freshman year beginning June 1st, after they have completed the eighth grade.

To graduate with **distinction (Honors)** for community service, a student must perform **150%** of the service hours required for graduation.

To foster a spirit of charity, 60 of the 80 hours required must be in direct service to the poor or disadvantaged. Direct service to the poor and disadvantaged is part of the Catholic tradition of practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy through acts such as feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, giving instruction, counseling the doubtful, comforting the afflicted. The remaining 20 hours may consist of service to the student's parish ministry (i.e. Jamaica's, altar serving, aiding in religious education. etc.) or school (i.e. admissions outreach, CWSP orientation, etc.).

Students must complete a signed service form and confirm their service sites and completed hours with the Campus Ministry Office. Service hours may be completed after school, in the evenings, on weekends, or during school breaks. These hours may not be completed during actual class time unless organized by the school. Seniors must have submitted documentation of their 80 hours of completed service by **May 15** in order to receive a diploma at graduation.

Return this form to Ms. Flores: Campus Minister

Nflores@sjdchs.org

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Service Hours Documentation Form

*Be sure to **print clearly** and complete the form in its **entirety**. If there is any missing information, the form will be returned for completion before the service hours are documented.*

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Semester: Fall Spring

Print Name

Place of Service:

Date:

Time:

Total Hours:

Description of activities you did today:

How was this service experience meaningful to you?

Witness Name:

Signature:

Phone Number or Method of Contact:

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Questions?: Nflores@sjdchs.org