



August 7, 2014

Dear Sussex Academy Student and Parents:

As you know, the academic program of the Sussex Academy is centered on the principles of the Expeditionary Learning curriculum model. One key element of this model is community service. For this reason, **each Sussex Academy middle school student is required to participate in at least ten hours of community service each school year.** This is an independent assignment. Students may choose the activity(ies) that they would like to do, but need to perform their hours on a voluntary basis for individuals and/or groups beyond the immediate family. Some examples of acceptable service activities are listed below, but students can also check with the Sussex Academy staff for additional ideas or clarification as needed.

Each middle school student must complete at least ten hours of community service by April 12, 2015. Community service hours for the 2014-15 school year must be performed between August 1, 2014 and April 12, 2015. Service hours performed outside of that time period may not be recognized. The log on the reverse side of this letter must be maintained and submitted on Monday, April 13, 2015. Some form of evidence must accompany the log. Acceptable forms of evidence include photographs, journal entries and/or verification letters. Additionally, all service activities must be pre-approved by parents/guardians and should have adult supervision.

Students will complete a reflection about and share their community service experiences with the other Sussex Academy students during the weeks after spring break. Students will earn grades for several academic subjects for the various parts and objectives of this assignment.

Please call any of your child's teachers if there are any questions or concerns about this project at 856.3636.

Service Project Ideas:

Babysitting

Stream or neighborhood clean up

Collecting and donating food or supplies for a shelter or food bank

House or yard work for an elderly neighbor or grandparent