

CHERRY VALLEY-SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School has implemented a community service graduation requirement. Students who enter their sophomore year at Cherry Valley-Springfield will be required to perform a minimum of 15 hours of community service before graduating. Students must also share with the Board of Education (BOE) their experience, explaining the activities they participated in, how the community benefited from their efforts and what they personally got out of the experience, as well as their plans after graduation. This program will provide students with an invaluable experience and an opportunity to give back to a community that has supported them and the school throughout the years. Through this project a sense of community spirit is fostered, many valuable lessons are learned, and contacts with people dedicated to this program are made.

The Counseling Office will be the home base for service opportunities requested by community individuals or groups, the collection of documentation of completed service and the scheduling of presentations to be made to the BOE.

We encourage you to attend the BOE meeting with your child when they present their experience to the BOE. More information will come home during your child's junior and senior years. It is highly recommended that students do not wait until the spring of their senior year to complete their hours. There will be ongoing opportunities throughout the school year for students to take advantage of. Remember, this is a prerequisite to graduation.

Below you will find the official Community Service Graduation Requirement from the Student Handbook, a copy of the Record of Community Service Activity that must be completed for each activity (copies also available in the Counseling Office), a list of approved organizations through which students may complete hours, and a Request for Approval of Community Service Opportunity for students wishing to complete hours with an outside organization.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Counseling Office at 607-264-3265 ext. 507 if you have any questions.