

**Hanover High School
Distinguished Service Program**

January 12, 2009

Purpose: To create a program that will promote, monitor, and reward students for volunteer service to the communities that support our school. Services must be local in nature or have special approval from the program administrator.

Guidelines:

- The program is voluntary. All students are encouraged to participate.
- A student must register to participate in this program.
- Students graduating with the Class of 2013 and beyond will be required to have a total of at least 50 volunteer hours. Graduating classes prior to 2013 will have the following expectations: Class of 2010 – 12.5 hours, Class of 2011 – 25 hours, and Class of 2012 – 37.5 hours.
- Acceptance of payment for services, including but not limited to money, donations or exchange of goods or services is not allowed.
- Service hours cannot be rendered for credit to immediate family members which includes parents or siblings.
- Senior hours must be completed prior to May 1st so that awards can be ordered. Underclassmen student hours are due before each semester ends as determined by the program administration. Summer service hours must be submitted by Sept. 30th.
- Service hours must be submitted on completed verification forms with proper signatures on a timely basis.
- Service hours completed as part of a class requirement or for court-ordered, legal matter purposes do not count.
- This service program will be administered through an organization or individuals within Hanover High School. All decisions rendered by the administering officials will be considered final.
- Students and parents must understand that USD223, and more specifically Hanover High School is not liable in the event of an accident or an injury incurred while pursuing volunteer service hours.