



2020-2021 SERVICE LEARNING MODIFICATION

All Lancaster County Academy (LCA) students are expected to engage in 55 hours of volunteering at a non-profit (Service Learning course). A course description is provided below. Out of an abundance of caution, we believe it is necessary to provide flexibility in meeting this requirement during these unprecedented times. Students typically complete the Service Learning course during their final few months of study.

Service Learning Options

The options below keep students on track to graduate, without compromising the total number of credits required (21) to earn a high school diploma.

1. For students with six or more elective credits, LCA would like to allow students to leverage a previously earned credit instead of the Service Learning course.
2. For students unable to meet option one, we have developed a modified Service Learning course for students to safely complete at this time. This course is designed to help students learn time management, goal-setting, self-motivation, and good habits, which they can apply to success in school and life. Students will discover their passion and how to live a purposeful life to achieve their goals by reading *Success for Teens*, class discussions/worksheets, and goal setting. The course also allows students to investigate future volunteer opportunities.

Service Learning – Credit 1.0 (Pass/Fail)

All students must complete a 65-hour service learning course. Students complete 55 hours of volunteering for a non-profit and are given 10 hours to write journals and essays about their experience. Students evaluate their overall experience, as well as create an online poster showcasing what they did. Employers also evaluate and share feedback with students and write them a letter of recommendation if they did a good job for them. Students are required to write a thank you note to their host. This experience teaches students the soft skills needed for the world of work, as well as helping them gain a reference for post-secondary school, the military, or future employment. The School-to-Work/Service Learning Coordinator monitors student progress on a weekly basis and maintains relationships with local non-profits.

This course is required to be completed at Lancaster County Academy for graduation.