

## **Community Service**

All students are encouraged to participate in some community service as a means to connect with the community and use their skills to do something for others. Students can get a Community Hours Passport and have the organization that they volunteer with “sign off” on their hours.

Students could consider using their Special Services at Home funds to support their family member in participating in volunteerism. Families may also consider using the Accessible Transit program through the Region of Peel to get to and from their volunteer location.

Students can also use the opportunity to identify interests that might help in determining a preference for a workplace experience.

Community hours are typically done outside the school day, but occasionally an event that happens during the school day might be considered eligible.

A Community Hours Passport is generally obtained from your Guidance/Student Services department at the school.

All students who are working towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma are required to complete 40 hours of community service. Students who are working towards their Certificate of Education or Certificate of Accomplishment are not required to do so.

For more info on Community Service, visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/124a.html>