



Abington School District supports the following service awards for students in grades K—8. This list is not exclusive. There may be other awards not mentioned here.

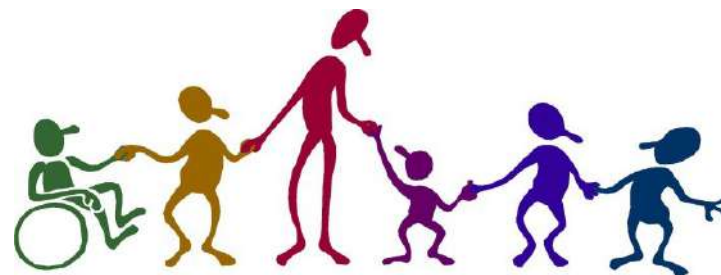
SET A GOAL AND WORK TO ACHIEVE IT!

BASED UPON THE AGE OF A STUDENT ON MAY 1, 2016.

	Age 5 – 10	Ages 11 – 15
Abington Service Award	15 - 29 Hours	30 – 49 Hours
President's Bronze Level	26 – 49 Hours	50 – 74 Hours
President's Silver Level	50 – 74 Hours	75 – 99 Hours
President's Gold Level	75+ Hours	100+ Hours



- Check the “What Counts” list to make sure your hours will count.
- Use a new log sheet to record your service hours.
- Each year, you should begin counting hours on June 1 and end on May 31.
- Estimate your May hours.
- **TURN YOUR COMPLETE LOG SHEET INTO YOUR TEACHER BEFORE MAY 1ST!!**



Service Learning

Grades K—8

What is Service Learning?

One-third of the US population is under the age of 30. Through Service Learning, young people are able to help make their communities healthier, smarter, greener, safer, kinder, and fairer.

Service Learning helps you put some of the things you learn in school into action and it brings school work to life. As you gain experience you are learning to become an active citizen, not just an observer. It also helps you to meet new people and explore your talents while helping others.

Do I have to do it?

No, but get ready, because when you are in 9th grade, service will be a part of your social studies grade. Start now and you are sure to want to continue helping others. It's fun, you make new friends and learn that **you** can make a difference in our community and the world !



“Service is a voluntary **activity** that makes a significant impact on the welfare of the community.”

~President Bill Clinton~



Students in grades K-8 may count hours where service to the school and community are pre-formed while students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate in activities for the broader community.

1. You may participate in service with a school club, such as a baking club, K-Kids, Builders Club, Green Thumbs or Best Buddies. While all meetings do not count, the times when you are planning and doing service for the community do count.
2. You can work on a service project through Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, or a youth group at your place of worship.
3. Participate in your family's volunteer activities. Maybe you know someone who you would like to help who has Alzheimer's Disease or Autism. You could participate in a 'walk' or visit an elderly-infirm neighbor to read to them, run errands or walk their dog.
4. Invent your own service project. If you care about animals, kids in need, a park near your house or even a global concern, then recruit your friends and family and plan a way to make a difference.
5. Turn your school work into service by using what you are learning to help tutor younger students or people in the community.



This stuff counts Partial List

1. Mentoring younger students or scouts; coaching younger athletes; being a teaching assistant at your place of worship
2. Making cards or placemats for hospital patients
3. Going to vote with your family (one hour of service)
4. Walk-A-Thons: 5 hours of service with proof of participation and a minimum \$15 donation
5. Actual time spent in performance at or for a charitable event
6. Mission trips where service to the community is performed (worship, eating and sleeping hours do not count)
7. Assisting elderly or infirmed neighbors
8. Caring for the animals of elderly or infirmed neighbors or helping at a group animal shelter

This stuff doesn't Partial List



1. Things for which you receive a grade in school
2. Family activities, such as taking care of siblings and grandparents, taking out the trash or setting the table
3. Activities that you do for an able bodied neighbor, such as lawn care, helping to move, etc
4. Participating on an athletic team or doing things to help your own team (part of membership)
5. Activities where you pay to learn a skill such as dance, film or athletics
6. Babysitting
7. Fostering a pet (you may count up to 49 hours per year)
8. Participation in the choir, ushering, or playing music at your place of worship

Many schools and clubs collect donations for very worthy causes. Books, non-perishable food, clothing, coats and the like, help people in our community and the region. However, it is the **activity** of planning the collection, sorting, cleaning and delivering the items that will help you earn service hours. Items themselves have no hourly value with the exception of our Toys for Tots campaign where one toy with a value of \$5.00, or greater, may count for one service hour. It is our hope that our students are actually doing the shopping for the toys and will therefore receive credit for this activity.