

Questions and
answers
regarding the
Community
Contribution
Component of
Career
Development
2201



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Development
2201
Community
Contribution**

**Parent/Guardian
Brochure**



How many hours of community contribution must my child complete?

All senior high students are required to complete 30 hours of community contribution in order to meet graduation requirements.

Why is community contribution important for my child?

The community contribution component is intended to enhance students' awareness and understanding of civic responsibility and of the contributions they can make in supporting and strengthening communities. As well, involvement in these activities will enable students to build on their own personal strengths and engage in the world of work. They can make and strengthen networks that may be life-long, enhance their self image, and increase their identity within their community.

What is my responsibility as a parent/guardian?

Your support of your child's participation in these activities is a very important part of its success. Review and discuss the guidelines with your son or daughter. Help him/her plan for activities that suit his/her interests and abilities. Your signature on the *Community Contribution Activity Record* form indicates your prior approval of the placement and acknowledgement of completion of the required hours of activity.

When will my child complete the 30 hours of community contribution?

The 30 hours of community contribution are intended to be completed in conjunction with Career Development 2201, although some hours may be attained before the course is taken. Participation in activities takes place outside of class time and will not be used for evaluation purposes for any course.

How does my child keep track of his/her time?

The *Community Contribution Activity Record* is designed to allow your child to keep track of his/her activities and hours and has to be signed by you and the sponsor.

Can my child count previous community contribution activities towards the 30 hours?

Community contribution activities that your child completes during his or her high school years may be counted towards his or her 30 hours, but a maximum of 15 hours may be attained before your child is enrolled in Career Development 2201.

How does my child get started?

You and your child should review the *Community Contribution Guidelines* before selecting an activity. Only certain activities will count towards the 30 hours of community contribution. He/she must select an activity which benefits the community. Eligible activities will be non-paid, outside of class time, and not used for evaluation purposes in a course. He/she may complete any number of activities provided participation in all of the activities results in the completion of a minimum 30 hours of community contribution.

Whose permission is required before my child begins?

In consultation with you, your child must complete the *Community Contribution Activities Record* form. Upon completion of a community contribution activity, both you and the sponsor must sign the form. Participation in an activity that is not on the eligibility list requires prior written approval of the Career Development 2201 teacher.

Who will make the contact with the volunteer organization?

With support from you and the teacher, your child is responsible for making contact with the proposed sponsor. As well, the teacher will be sending out information to local organizations informing them of the community contribution component of Career Development 2201.

What about my child's safety and security?

The community contribution component of Career Development 2201 is considered an extension of a school activity. As with all school activities, your child will be covered under the student accident and injury insurance policy.

Always keep your child's safety utmost in mind. Do not approve any placement that you feel is unsafe or will put your child at risk. Also, if you feel that your child is in a situation that is not safe and he/she is being put at risk you must report this to your child's teacher.