

## **What is Service Learning:**

Service Learning is a teaching - learning method that connects meaningful community service experiences with academic learning, personal growth, and civic responsibility.

## **Purpose:**

The program is designed to recognize students who dedicate a significant amount of time to service learning in an effort to address challenges and solve problems in the community. In Service Learning, students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service experiences that:

- Meet community and school needs;
- Are coordinated in collaboration with the school and the community;
- May be integrated into the curriculum;
- Provide structured time for a student to think, talk, and write about what he/she learns during the actual service activity;
- Provide students with skills and knowledge in real life situations in their own communities;
- Enhance what is taught in the school by extending student learning beyond the classroom; and
- Help foster the development of a sense of caring for others.

## **Recognition:**

**SERVICE-LEARNING EXEMPLARY CORD:** The Service-Learning Exemplary Cord is an honor THS students may receive upon graduation. This cord recognizes students who have devoted a minimum of 100 hours of service-learning experience in their community throughout their high school years.

\*EXAMPLE

Freshman Year	25 Hours
Sophomore Year	25 Hours
Junior Year	25 Hours
Senior Year	25 Hours
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 Hours</b>

\*Current Seniors and Juniors requirements will be modified to 25 Hours for seniors and 50 hours for Juniors.

## **Spring Semester Service Learning Projects Initiatives**

Adopt-A-Highway

School Based Community Service Projects

Local Goodwill Industries

Local Salvation Army

Local Food Banks

Local Government Office