

SERVIAM!

“I will serve!”

“Don’t let anyone look down on us because we are young, but let us set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, in service, and in purity.” – adapted from 1 Timothy 4:12

SFA MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Standard 6: The student will participate in the development of Christian Community.

S6B1: Demonstrate knowledge of and participate in the Church’s tradition of service.

- List the Corporal Works of Mercy
- Locate evidence of the Corporal Works of Mercy in Scripture, current events and school community.
- Justify how service projects connect to the Corporal Works of Mercy.

S6B2: Define and participate in the stewardship tradition of Catholic teaching.

- Define the concept of stewardship in Catholic teaching.
- Explain why Catholics are obligated to be good stewards.
- Give examples of stewardship.

S6B3: Participate in the Church’s teaching on the stewardship of time, talent and/or treasure.

- Develop and accomplish a plan for stewardship of time, talent, and/or treasure

S6B4: Articulate the principles of social justice.

- Define social justice.
- Explain each of the principles of social justice:
 - Life and Dignity of the Human Person
 - Call to Family, Community, and Participation
 - Rights and Responsibilities
 - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 - The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
 - Solidarity
 - Care for God’s Creation

Hours Required:

The object is to get the students involved in serving our greater community and world. Remember, service can include service to your environment, service to God's creatures and service through civic opportunities as well.

Students will need to complete their total hours by the end of the 1st full week in May. If students do not complete their hours by that date, they will be assigned Study Club for each day they are late until they are turned in. If hours are not completed by the end of the school year, their Religion grade will be reduced one letter grade.

6th Grade: 6 hours

FOR GRADING PURPOSES:

2 hours due each trimester.

7th Grade: 8 hours

FOR GRADING PURPOSES:

1st trimester: 3 hours

2nd trimester: 3 hours

3rd trimester: 2 hours

8th Grade: 10 hours *(in addition to Confirmation Parish Participation hours)*

FOR GRADING PURPOSES:

1st trimester: 4 hours

2nd trimester: 4 hours

3rd trimester: 2 hours

Tips for Success:

- Go to the "Pre-Approved Organizations" link for ideas on where to serve.
- If you wish to obtain hours for an activity not listed in the "Pre-Approved Organizations" link, you must obtain pre-approval from your Religion teacher before you undertake the activity. If approved by e-mail, the e-mail must be printed and attached to service log.
- Qualifying activities are outside your home, outside the school day, and also outside St. Francis of Assisi Church (Parish Participation Hours will not count towards Serviam hours).
- Service logs must be filled out completely for each service opportunity and turned in within 2 weeks of the service experience.
- Service hours completed in summer months must be turned in within the first 2 weeks of school.
- Students are allowed to complete up to 2 hours on St. Francis SCHOOL grounds (must have an email or pre-approval form attached to service log).
- Concession stand hours will not be pre-approved. Dowling Catholic High School hours will not be pre-approved.
- Students who serve at camps or week-long activities will be able to count ½ of their total required service hours for that school year. The purpose of this is to have students serve at more than one activity.
- A maximum of 2 hours for baked goods will be accepted each year.
- Any e-mails that are received from Miss Farner or Ms. Nennig regarding service opportunities, count for Serviam hours. (If emails are received from Mrs. Ryan, they are for Confirmation Parish Participation Hours - 8th grade only.)