



Community-Based Service Learning Requirement



Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Each student will complete a volunteer work experience to fulfill their requirement for 30-hours of service learning to be eligible to receive a Gibraltar High School diploma. This contract serves as the planning and validation component for the volunteer service learning experience. Each student is responsible for maintaining this contract and then handing it into the Secondary School Counselor upon completion of the 30 hours along with a reflective essay.

There is a work/volunteer bulletin board across from the secondary school counseling office. This bulletin board is continuously being updated with fliers offering volunteer experiences for students. Examples of volunteer experience include:

- Churches
- County Social Service Agencies
- Senior Citizen Centers
- Community Business Associations
- Service Organizations
- Home-Bound or Disabled Residents
- Non-Profit Organizations

Volunteer experiences may not be paid experiences. Volunteer experiences may not be graded or required in any fashion. For example, if it is a requirement for a school organization, athletic team, or class it will not be considered for the service learning graduation requirement.

The steps to complete this requirement are as follows:

1. Make plans to volunteer within the community and speak with someone who will supervise your hours about their expectations and tasks. If you are unsure of whether or not your plan will be approved as an acceptable form of volunteering to meet your graduation requirement, please do not hesitate to talk to your school counselor.
2. Volunteer!
3. Complete Page 2 of this contract.
4. Your service learning hours must be verified by an adult supervisor's signature whom is not a family member.
5. After you complete your 30 hours of volunteering and have obtained the necessary signatures, complete the reflection essay described on Page 4. Attach your completed essay to this packet.
6. Turn in this packet (including your attached essay) to your high school counselor for approval.

Community-Based Service Learning Experiences

Location	Supervisor's Name (Print)	Supervisor's Contact Information	Primary Responsibilities

Community-Based Service Learning Reflection

The final component of the service learning graduation requirement is a reflective essay. Please prepare a typed, double spaced essay (at least three paragraphs, 1-2 pages in length) with 12-pt font answering the following questions.

1. What type of volunteering did you complete?
2. What did you learn from your volunteer experience?
3. Why is volunteering important?

After you complete your essay, staple it to this form. Return all 4 pages of this form, in addition to your completed essay to the secondary school counselor.

Essay Approved By: _____

Date: _____