

VOLUNTEERISM 30 CREDIT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is a Volunteerism 30 credit?

The Volunteerism 30 credit recognizes students who commit to actively participating in supporting and strengthening their communities by donating 100 hours of their personal time to work at community activities. Hours logged during community service activities may take place in a variety of settings, including businesses, not-for-profit organizations, public sector institutions (including hospitals and care facilities) and informal settings.

2. Can a student be paid for volunteerism by the organization?

Students will not be paid for performing any community involvement activity. However, an honorarium may be accepted.

3. Is a program itself (e.g., hockey, dance, drama, etc.) grounds for a volunteerism credit?

No, personal recreational activities are ineligible. Refer to Appendix B Ineligible Volunteerism Activities.

4. Can a student volunteer in school based activities?

Yes, a student who works on the yearbook, referees sports for no pay, spends time assisting teachers (e.g., a high school student might help an elementary teacher with laminating, copying, decorating, etc.) or running the canteen are acceptable school based activities.

5. What does the plan look like?

Refer to Appendix D Volunteerism 30 Plan Template

6. What are the deadlines?

The Appendix D Volunteerism 30 Plan Template must be completed and approved by the principal prior to the student beginning the project. Any other timelines are determined locally.

7. Who assumes the responsibility and liability of the student in the unlikely event of an accident or death?

The Northwest School Division's liability insurance policy covers students participating in an approved volunteerism 30 plan class or program.

8. What do we mean by 100 hours of volunteerism for credit recognition?

100 hours of volunteerism = 1 credit. The expected start and completion dates and an outline of how the required amount of time (100 hours) must be clearly outlined in the plan, recorded on the Student Log and submitted through HEAT to receive the credit.

9. **Is there a timeline framework to complete a volunteerism credit? Does it have to be completed within the school calendar year, or can it flow over the course of three academic years, or be completed in part during summer/holiday months?**

There is no time limit, however, students must be enrolled in the Saskatchewan school in Grade 10, 11 or 12. The timeline should be identified in the Volunteerism Plan Template. Any adjustments to the timeline must be recorded on the proposal for future reference and auditing.

10. **Does a supervising teacher have to complete and keep a log regarding the monitoring process/communications?**

Refer to Appendix A Volunteerism Roles and Responsibilities

11. **Can a volunteerism credit be used to complete under the Adult 12 program?**

No, adult 12 program learners are to be directed to the Prior Learning 30 credit option.

12. **How is a volunteering final mark record of Standing Granted (SG) submitted to the Ministry of Education Student Data System?**

For Volunteerism, submit a copy of the completed plan/proposal and hour log as per [Secondary Level Non-Academic Courses New Mark Addition](#).

A final mark of SG will be awarded and appear on the student's official Transcript of Secondary Level Achievement.