

Ineligible Activities

The Ontario Ministry of Education has developed a list of activities that may not be chosen as community involvement activities. These are referred to as **ineligible activities**. **An ineligible activity is an activity that:**

- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (e.g., cooperative education portion of a course, job shadowing, work experience);
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or "spare" periods is permissible;
- takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under sixteen years of age;
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under fifteen years of age;
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under fourteen years of age and is not accompanied by an adult;
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace;
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding;
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons;
- involves handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government;
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques, or other valuables;
- consists of duties normally performed in the home (i.e., daily chores) or personal recreational activities;
- involves activities for a court-ordered program (e.g., community-service program for young offenders, probationary program).

Eligible Activities

Eligible Activities are volunteer activities that may be counted towards 40 community involvement hours that must be accumulated by students as a graduation requirement. If you are unsure about an activity's eligibility towards the 40 hour requirement, check with The Hill Academy Guidance Department and submit a **Notification of Planned Activities form** (found on the website). **Eligible activities can include but are not limited to:**

- assist with school events, assist School Councils, activities for children;
- organization and leadership of school activities that benefit the community;
- volunteering in a zoo, animal shelter, or on a farm
- volunteering in galleries, libraries, community productions;
- assisting with special events, programs, clerical tasks;
- assisting with child/youth programs, volunteering in a not-for-profit child care centre or camp;
- assisting with special events, food banks, community support services, shelters, clerical tasks;
- assisting community members in need;
- flower/tree planting, beautification projects, recycling projects, recycling depot;
- volunteering in hospitals, hospices, Canadian Blood Services
- volunteering for activities sponsored by the police;
- activities related to legitimate and recognized political organizations, municipal, provincial and federal political activities
- assisting with programs, special events;
- assisting in seniors' residences, providing services for seniors in the community;
- coaching, organizing special events, assisting with projects/events; or
- those activities that expand community service to others beyond the school day (holiday dinner participation, environmental action activities, etc.);
- if an eligible activity also falls within the definition of ineligible activities, the activity will be deemed ineligible.