

Good evening Talkington Family,

One of the core missions for Talkington is our Commitment to Service. Over the past 17 months, our ability to serve our community was halted due to COVID-19. Luckily the majority of Lubbock's events and activities have resumed! This affords Talkington the opportunity to once again serve our community.

**Volunteer hours will be required this year**, as in years past. Each student will need to volunteer the number of hours as their grade (ex: freshmen=9hrs, Sr.s=12hrs), and each activity must be logged within 2 weeks of the service, as well as verified and approved.

The requirement itself is rather minimal; however, I encourage our students to give back to the community as much as they can. Research shows that volunteerism is not only good for the community, but it is beneficial for the volunteer as well, such as lowering stress levels, anxiety, and depression. Additionally, volunteerism is highly favored in scholarship and college applications, as well as job and internship interviews. The experience one receives, and the giving act of helping others, is invaluable.

Below is a list of FAQs and answers for you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, **Jenny Cardelli, at 806-219-2249, or [jenny.cardelli@lubbockisd.org](mailto:jenny.cardelli@lubbockisd.org)**

*Frequently Asked Questions:*

**\* If I did not get my required hours last year, do I need to make them up this year?**

Since opportunities have been minimal, I am not requiring you to make up hours.

**\* Where do I volunteer?**

I will announce multiple opportunities throughout the year, so listen to announcements!

**\* Can I volunteer for opportunities outside of what is announced or posted at school?**

Absolutely! You will still need to have the hours verified and approved.

**\* How do I sign up for volunteer opportunities?**

I will post sign ups on the bulletin board across from the robotics room. In some instances you will need to register on a website, which I will provide.

**\* Do we have a grade-specific community partner or agency this year?**

There will not be grade specific partners this year, due to some restrictions still in place.

**\* Do I still submit hours from this summer?**

Absolutely; however, from here forward you will need to log hours within 2 wks of service

**\* How are my hours verified?**

You must have a name and email address of the person in charge of the event/activity

**\* How do I submit my hours for approval?**

Log into your account on x2vol.com: username is your school email address, password is your student ID or 1000 number

**\* Can parents join students in volunteering?**

We LOVE it when parents join in to volunteer! If you're willing to be a parent sponsor at one of our opportunities, I'd love to have you. Give me a call! 806-219-2249

