

Credit for Community Service (Student Initiated Project – SIP) Parent Approval Form

I/We have discussed the Community Service Student-initiated Program (SIP) Credit Option with my(our) son/daughter/ward and support my/our son's/daughter's/ward's participation in this Credit Option in the following community service activity: _____

I/We are aware:

- that participation by a student in a community service activity may, but will not necessarily, be recognized by the school for a senior years credit and that whether a credit will be recognized and the level of credit that will be recognized will be based on the civic skills, knowledge and attitudes that are obtained by the student in the activity, which will be evaluated by the school prior to the student's participation and confirmed by the school following completion of the activity;
- that a maximum of one credit can be earned as a Community Service SIP Credit which can be used towards the 28 credits required for graduation;
- that participation by a student in a community service activity prior to him or her obtaining permission from the school to proceed with the activity cannot be applied towards a Community Service SIP Credit;
- that a community service activity will not be recognized for a Community Service SIP credit where the activity involves assisting immediate family members;
- that in order for a community service activity to be recognized for a Community Service SIP credit, no remuneration or honorarium can be accepted by the student;
- that court imposed community service cannot be used for the Community Service SIP credit;
- that participation by a student in a community service activity for a Community Service SIP Credit is a private activity outside the regular school program;
- that a student who participates in a community service activity for a Community service SIP Credit Option is not enrolled in a course nor is he or she performing work that is part of a course that is approved by Department of Education, and is not engaging in a work education program nor participating in a program conducted off the school premises under the authority of a school board;
- that in evaluating the community service activity prior to the commencement of the activity by the student, the school will evaluate only the civic skills and knowledge to be obtained by the student in the activity and will not evaluate any hazards that may be associated with the community services activity;
- that neither the school, the school division nor Department of Education will be liable for any injury to the student or for any damage to or loss of property of the student caused by or in any way related to the student's participation in a community service activity;
- that a student and his or her parents/guardians bear the responsibility for the student's safety. A student should discuss concerns about the nature of the community service activity with his or her parents/guardians and together, they should exercise discretion, be aware of safety issues and investigate the community organization's or group's liability insurance coverage for volunteers before deciding that the student will participate in the community service activity;
- that a student may withdraw from the community service activity at any time for any reason, including for the reason that the community service activity workplace conditions are not acceptable to the student or his or her parents/guardians.

I/We have read and understand the above information.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Community Service Student-initiated Project (SIP) Approval Form

The Community Service Student-initiated Project (SIP) Credit Option enables students who make a contribution to their community by volunteering for worthwhile causes or organizations to receive recognition for the civic skills, knowledge and attitudes obtained in the volunteer activity.

The volunteering done by students participating in this SIP is not the responsibility of the school, school division or Department of Education but an opportunity made available to students to obtain credit for private activity – a process similar to obtaining credit for the Private Music Option where students provide documentation on their standing to the school following completion of the activity.

Student Information: (to be completed by Student)

Student Name: _____

School Attended: _____ School Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Community Organization/Group Name: _____

Learning Outcomes Achieved: (to be completed by Student)

Civic knowledge, skills and attitudes obtained during this volunteering activity: _____

Remuneration (payment) is not permissible. I was paid _____/ not paid _____ for the community service work.

Commencement Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

Number of Hours of Volunteer Time: (minimum 55 hrs. - .5 credit and minimum 110 hrs. – 1 credit) _____

Community Service Information: (to be completed by Community Service Organization/Group)

Contact Person Name (please print): _____

Contact Person Signature Approval/Verification (signature): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Credit Approval: (to be completed by School)

Community Service Credit Value: 0.5 Or 1.0 Course Level: 11G 21G 31G 41G
(Circle one only) (Circle one level only)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of School Contact Person: _____ Date: _____