

Ripon Christian High School

Christian Service Program

Requirement:

Each student will be required to complete 10 hours of Christian Service per semester in each of the years that they attend RCHS. Students failing to complete the required 10 hours per semester two weeks before exams, may not take exams until the service hour requirement has been met. If a student is unable to take an exam because of failure to complete service hours, the student will have to pay each teacher \$30 to monitor the exam at a later date. Additionally, students who refuse to meet these requirements may be denied reenrollment for the following school year.

Rationale:

The following Christian principles serve as basis for the program's goals, objectives and procedures:

- Each Christian is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Each person is unique in personality and in gifts and talents.
- Christian discipleship is a life-long commitment.

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to follow His teaching and to imitate His example. The Christian, as a disciple of Jesus, is called to respond to the needs of others and to follow the example of Jesus in ministering to these needs.

Understanding the unique personality of each individual, and the combination of the gifts and talents each possess, the Christian Service program is flexible in the kinds of service required to utilize each student's unique contribution (1 Peter 4:10-11).

To reinforce the ongoing need to service others as an expression of lifelong discipleship, the program calls for student involvement in the volunteer service during each year at RCHS. It is believed that this ongoing involvement will carry over into the adult Christian experience.

Guidelines:

1. Ripon Christian High School requires that all students (grades 9-12) participate in the Christian Service Program.
2. Each student must complete 20 Christian Service hours for each year that they are enrolled at RCHS. A minimum of ten service hours for the first semester.
3. No payments may be received for services given.
4. Services given must be to people outside your immediate family.
5. 10 hours is the maximum that can be used for one activity.
6. School extracurricular activities do not count for service hours (Ex: Sports, Knightsounds, Knightguys, Band etc.).
7. All service hours must be turned in two weeks prior to exams. Each day late will earn a behavioral.
8. Students who complete more than 10 hours in the first semester may carry them over to the next semester, but they may not be carried over to the following school year.
9. Service hours can be earned throughout the summer, starting the first day of summer vacation.
10. As a general rule: mission trips will be allowed to count as a max of 10 service hours or two hours per day spent on a trip.
11. There is the opportunity to appeal this process if special circumstances arise. Send a letter explaining your appeal to Mrs. Bowman at RCHS and it will be brought before the committee.

Link to a service hour form:

<http://www.rcschools.com>
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