



Dear Grade 10-12 DSK Parents and learners,

Changes in Life Orientation from 2019 regarding certificate tasks (community service)

No longer are four external tasks (incl. community service) required, instead, each learner needs to complete at least 20 hours of community service. These are the IEB stipulations:

Community Service Task

“The purpose of these tasks is to expose learners to skills, knowledge, attitudes and values beyond the classroom environment to show growth beyond self.

The Community service task needs to be completed between Grade 10 and Grade 12.

A minimum of 20 hours of service and a reflection piece is necessary to meet the requirements of the community service task. These hours may be completed at any time from Grade 10 to Grade 12 (Term 2).

The written reflection piece should focus on the learner’s personal growth, challenges associated with the task and remediation (what they could change or do differently going forward)”.

Community Service means **voluntary involvement in a non-profit organization. Please note that 1 blood donation = 1 hour, 1 Santa shoe box (helping with sorting and dropping off)= 1 hour, 1 sandwich drive = 1 hour.**

If you are tutoring, babysitting or dog walking for example, and you are getting paid for that, it **doesn't count as community service.**

Community Service Ideas include:
<i>Support Services</i>
<i>Meals for families in crisis</i>
<i>Sandwiches</i>
<i>Management and collection of needed goods</i>
<i>Personal Baking for community partnerships</i>
<i>Tutoring of learners in communities of need</i>
<i>On-going Service</i>
<i>Visiting Children's Homes</i>
<i>Outreach services</i>
<i>Literacy and Numeracy Training</i>
<i>SPCA</i>
<i>Soup kitchens</i>
<i>Guide dogs</i>
<i>Police Stations</i>
<i>Hospitals Retirement homes</i>
<i>Blood donation (one hour per donation)</i>
<i>Projects</i>
<i>Residential Service</i>
<i>Outreaches</i>
<i>Smile Programme</i>
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>
<i>Fundraising Initiatives</i>
<i>Service Projects Holiday projects in disadvantaged areas</i>
<i>Missionary Initiatives</i>
<i>Physical Rehabilitation</i>

Where possible, outside organizations facilitating community service need to provide the learner with a **letter-headed and stamped certificate of completion** outlining what the learner has done.”

This community service task counts for **10% of the final grade 12 LO mark**, so it is important that learners start doing community service as soon as possible and not wait for Grade 12. Starting in 2021, the Grade 10 learners can choose whether they want to do 5 days of Job shadowing or Community Service in Term 4.

Kind Regards,

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