

# Evergreen Park High School

## Community Service/Governmental Meeting Log Sheet

Civics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

2019-2020

As per House Bill (HB) 4025 (**Public Act 99-0434**) the legislature of Illinois now requires ALL students to take a course in Civics, which you will do during your senior year. One of the requirements of the course is that students complete community service hours to develop a sense of ownership of your community.

**The specific course requirement at EPCHS are 8 hours of Community Service AND 2 Governmental Meetings Attended OR 5 Community Service Hours AND 3 Governmental Meetings.** You will also hit one benchmark towards being “College Ready” under the new ESSA College and Career Readiness Indicator if you earn up to 25 hours.

This year, you will be given instructions on how to record your service hours using the online platform Career Cruising by the guidance counselors. In the meantime, you can use this form to record any community service or governmental meetings you might attend during your Civics Course. **Please return completed forms BY THE END OF YOUR CIVICS COURSE.**

Please keep a copy for your counselor/student records. Digital copies are fine but you **MUST** include contact information for an adult supervisor.

### A Few Things to Remember:

- Volunteering should be focused in and around our EP/Chicagoland Community, but mission trips qualify also.
- Non-Profit Organizations (Charities), Schools, Libraries, Hospitals, Elder Care Facilities, Religious and Civic Organizations are all great places to look to volunteer.
- You are able to meet PART of the requirement at governmental meetings (School Board, Park District, or City/Village Council)
- **If there is no evidence of completion or contact information the experience will NOT count.**
- **You MAY choose to take a selfie of your performing your service and send it to your teacher.**

Name of Organization	Date	Description of Service	Contact Person Information (Phone # or email address)

## THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- There are over 200 students in your Senior Class-that means there will be competition for service opportunities-don't PROCRASTINATE!!
- Service without ADULT SUPERVISOR contact information/initials will NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Service hours can be earned for ANY TIME SPENT ASSISTING MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY (NON-FAMILY) for which you are not compensated (PAID).
- You can start on your governmental meetings and service hours NOW (over the summer).
- **Failure to complete your service requirements by the end of your 9 week course will result in a 10% reduction of your grade.**
- When you are attending your governmental meetings, you must take a "selfie" of yourself at the meeting and send a picture of the printed agenda and email them to your teacher.
- **When attending meetings, you are representing EPCHS. Please do not arrive late or leave early or otherwise draw unflattering attention to yourself. We had some complaints from the Village of EP Board last year about students not acting properly at a village meeting-please represent your school properly!!!**
- If you have any questions please email Mr. Nesler at [bnesler@evergreenpark.org](mailto:bnesler@evergreenpark.org).
- There will be a list of local organizations that offer community service opportunities, this document, and a list of meeting dates for the EP Village Board, School District 231 (EPCHS), School District 124, (Central and Elementary Schools) and Worth Township meetings at <https://www.evergreenpark.org/parents/school-forms-and-documents/> .

