

Community Involvement & Christian Service

Additional Information for Students and Parents

September 2022

In light of the Covid19 pandemic, the Ontario Ministry of Education has made the following adjustments to the Community Involvement Graduation requirement for 2022-2023 school year.

Although accommodations were made for students who graduated in 2020, 2021 and 2022, the standard requirement to complete **40 hours** of Community Involvement has been reinstated for ***all students who will graduate in June 2023 and beyond.***

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Ministry is continuing to provide increased flexibility about the types of activities that can count towards the community involvement requirement. Restrictions are being eased in the following three areas:

1. With prior approval from school administration, students will be allowed to accumulate hours during the regular instructional day. At O’Gorman, this will be the result of Christian service activities that may be organized by classroom teachers or other school staff.
2. With prior approval from school administration, students will be allowed to accumulate up to 10 hours by performing home-based duties such as assisting elderly relatives or providing unpaid care for siblings.
3. With prior approval from school administration, students aged 14 or older can accumulate up to 10 hours from paid employment that benefits the community. Students will be required to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to the service of others.

Students should continue to seek out and accumulate community involvement hours in accordance with NCDSB policies and procedures, keeping in mind local public health unit recommendations. In light of public health restrictions, students are encouraged to consider virtual and outdoor volunteer opportunities such as organizing virtual fundraising events or participating in a community clean-up project.

