

**International Baccalaureate
Middle Years Programme**
Community and Service Information
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The philosophy of the IB/MYP stresses the development of the whole person. As one of the areas of interaction, Community and Service is integrated across the curriculum of the IB Middle Years Programme. Hopefully, this will encourage responsible citizenship that includes a global perspective.

Community and Service fosters the student's sense of responsibility and self-esteem while providing insight into social patterns and ways of life. Students grow emotionally and socially as they widen their horizons and become involved in first-hand experiences. Community and service calls upon the student to use the talents and skills they have to respond to the needs of others in society.

During the school year we will be involved with local activities at school and in the community. Students are invited to reflect upon the needs that they see in the school and community and then respond by participating in activities to serve those needs. Each student in the IB/MYP will be called upon to serve a minimum number of hours within the school year.

A list of possible service activities will be available to students as the need arises. ***It is the responsibility of the student to initiate the timeframe in which they would like to serve.*** As new opportunities present themselves, the information will be posted for the benefit of the students.

A service journal will also be required. This is **NOT** for the benefit of a grade. The journal acts as a record of what they have done and how they feel about what they have done. This will be kept in the student portfolio as documentation of community and service.

The community and service component of the IB/MYP should guide Kellogg students from idealism to action. It can establish a relationship between theory (classroom knowledge) and practice. Many students are already involved in community and service activities. Are you a play leader, patrol guard, student council member? So you volunteer at church? So you help neighbors in need? So you visit shut-ins? See, you are already serving others! The minimum number of service hours is 10 for Level 1/6th grade and 15 hours for Levels 2 and 3/7th and 8th grade, however, anyone who completes 25 hours or more will receive a special IB/MYP community and service certificate. Let's show the Kellogg Spirit and make this world a better place!

Please keep this information and return the tear-off to school so that I know that all families are aware of this program and it's requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Mrs. J. Houtsma, MYP coordinator

I have read and understand that my child is responsible for community and service hours as part of the Middle Years Programme.

Parent signature

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Student signature

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