

NGMS Service Learning Initiative

Mission: to instill a love of service in our student population and prepare students to pursue a Service Learning Diploma at Northern Guilford High School.

Northern Guilford Middle School is proud to announce a Service Learning program to continue to empower our students to make a difference and appreciate the value in serving others. Service Learning is a school program that integrates citizenship values into education by involving students in community service.

Process:

- Students will complete hours through either school and PTSA activities or working independently with other entities throughout the school year. Many examples can be found in the following sites:
 - <http://kidworldcitizen.org/2013/02/20/35-service-projects-for-kids/>
 - <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/serviceideas.shtml>
 - <http://readwriteact.org/files/2013/01/55-Environmental-Service-Learning-Projects.pdf>
- Students will log hours (signatures must be collected and a short narrative (found below) detailing the service provided). Log sheets will be turned into a student's homeroom teacher on Fridays only when new hours have been earned.
- Students who receive a set number of hours by 8th grade will receive the Gold Award for their service to their school and community.

Hour Requirements:

- **Class of 2023:**
 - 8th Grade Service Learning NGMS Gold Award -35 Hours
- **Class of 2024:**
 - 7th Grade Recognition-20 Hours
 - 8th Grade Service Learning NGMS Gold Award-35 Hours (for a total of 55)
- **Beginning with the Class of 2025:**
 - 6th Grade Recognition-20 Hours
 - 7th Grade Recognition-20 Hours (for a total of 40)
 - 8th Grade Service Learning NGMS Gold Award -35 Hours (for a total of 75)

At any time a student may begin collecting hours to receive the 8th Grade Service Learning Gold Award even if they have not received recognition at the 6th and 7th grade level. We do encourage students to start early so the hours are never overwhelming. Hours do need to be completed during the school calendar year.