GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Community service hours are required for the Bright Futures program. Although hours are not required for graduation, there are several other scholarship opportunities that do require, or look favorably upon students that have documented volunteer hours.

➢ Students may begin to earn hours beginning the summer after 8th grade (once officially promoted).

➢ Per district policy, community service hours are to be altruistic in nature, non-paid, and outside of a student's school hours.

➢ Students may volunteer at not-for-profit agencies only. Examples – Church* (participating in community service projects), Boys & Girls clubs, YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Community Athletic Assoc., Schools (sport events, club projects), hospitals and nursing homes

*Hours obtained at a church are limited to 20% of a student's total hours (15 out of 75), UNLESS the hours are a part of a community service project the church is participating in.

Please be advised that all of the following websites are listed for your convenience. It will be your personal responsibility for you and your parents to contact these companies and inquire about their volunteer programs. Wiregrass Ranch High School, does not organize, supervise or is any way affiliated with these companies.
www.volunteerflorida.org
www.wcaafla.org (volunteer info)
www.mealcall.org (meals on wheels)
www.pascolibraries.org (go to teen page THEN teen advisory board)
www.uwtb.org (united way)
www.pascocountyfl.net (animal shelter- go to "In the News" then to "Shelter Pets")
www.pascoregionalmc.com (pasco regional hospital)
www.epmc.org (florida hospital zephyrhills- go to "careers" then "volunteer")
www.volunteermatch.org
www.a2htampabay.org (Second Harvest Food Bank)

If you have a question about whether or not volunteer hours are eligible for community service, contact Student Services.

Hours MUST be documented and submitted on school form w/signature.
Agency letterhead may or may not be required (check w/student services to make sure).
One form per agency.
Total hours and write on form…must include dates hours were accumulated.
Fractions of hours can not be entered into the computer, so wait until you have accumulated a whole number of hours for your time before submitting to student services.

For more volunteer information, or to be added to the e-mail list, e-mail Mrs. Batchelor @ jbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us.