Frequently Asked Questions about Community Service

1. **What is the Lawrenceville School graduation requirement?**
   You are required to participate in three different types of community engagement activities that are coordinated through the Community Service Office. There is no hourly requirement.
   1. Lawrenceville Community Action Project (LCAP)
   2. Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service
   3. One Time Events (3x before graduation)
   
   *Requirement is reduced for new IV and V formers and PGs (see below)*
   *All projects that meet the graduation requirement will be recorded in Veracross*

2. **What is the LCAP?**
   The Lawrenceville Community Action Project is a service experience coordinated through the Community Service Office. You will have direct, sustained interaction with a population dealing with a social problem or special need--such as poverty, aging or disability. The goal is for you to develop relationships with the people you interact with.

   **Types of LCAP opportunities:**
   - Weekly project over the course of one term
   - Lawrenceville School Camp or Performing Arts Camp
   - Lawrenceville Harkness Travel Program Service Trip

3. **When can I complete the LCAP?**
   Anytime during your II, III or IV form year.

4. **What If I am a three term interscholastic athlete?**
   There will be opportunities on Sundays or weekday evenings to complete the LCAP. You can also apply to be a Lawrenceville School Camp or Performing Arts Camp counselor or participate in a Lawrenceville Harkness Travel Program Service Trip. (Counselor and trip opportunities are application-based and acceptance is not guaranteed).
5. May I do community service even though it isn’t coordinated through Lawrenceville?
   Yes – be sure it is an eligible non-profit organization. You may record these hours in x2VOL (see question #9), but they will not count toward your graduation requirement.

6. What constitutes an eligible organization?
   It must be a 501(c)-3 non-profit organization, a school, or a government agency (no campaign work). The only exceptions are for-profit hospitals and nursing homes.
   **NOTE**- many summer camps and athletic camps are for-profit businesses and volunteering there is not considered community service.

7. Does work with a religious group count as community service? Projects that serve the larger community, such as a soup kitchen, do count. Though you may record your hours, they will not count toward your graduation requirement. Service within your own congregation, such as singing in the choir or teaching a class does not count.

8. What if I did community service at my former school?
   Hours of service done to benefit the outside community (after the start of 9th grade) may be recorded, but the work will not count toward your graduation requirement.

9. How do I get hours recorded for service that isn’t coordinated through the Community Service Office? You can register for x2VOL, a database that enables students to keep track of their own hours. Instructions on how to register for x2VOL are emailed to the students or you can come to the Community Service Office for assistance.

   Questions? Stop by the office in Noyes (108) or email Mrs. Cantlay rcantlay@lawrenceville.org or Mrs. Ferguson eferguson@lawrenceville.org

**Requirement for New IV and V formers and PGs:**
- New IV formers: Annual MLK Day and 3 one time projects (no LCAP)
- New V formers and PGs: Annual MLK Day and 1 one time project (no LCAP)