

## PARTNERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT



*"When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more." Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (2002).*

### ADVANTAGES OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT FOR STUDENTS INCLUDE:

- Enhancement of children's self esteem
- Improvement of children's academic achievement
- Improvement of parent-child relationships
- Improvement of student behavior and attendance

### ADVANTAGES OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT FOR PARENTS INCLUDE:

- Developing positive attitudes towards school
- Develop a better understanding of school policies
- Develop a sense of pride and interest in school achievement
- Parents and teachers establish a strong sense of community

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAMILY SERVICE HOUR PROGRAM



Visit the **Franklin Academy** website to view service hour opportunities. In-classroom opportunities are coordinated with the classroom teacher. The PTO will also provide opportunities (where applicable).

All volunteers must check-in with the receptionist to receive a school badge and be entered into the Raptor Visitor Management System to track hours.

After completing your hours, check-out with the receptionist and return your badge to ensure your hours have been recorded. Completed hours are posted and available for you to review in PowerSchool.

This information is updated quarterly. Families should keep track of their hours as they will not see updated information until the end of each quarter.



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## FAMILY SERVICE HOURS OUR PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS

*"Effective parent involvement comes when a true partnership exists between schools and families. Creating that partnership, especially around academics, is what works for student achievement." (SEDL, 2002)*

[www.Franklin-Academy.org](http://www.Franklin-Academy.org)

# SERVICE HOUR AGREEMENT

*All families will perform 8 hours of service per year regardless of the number of students enrolled.*

All service hours must be earned between July 1st and June 30th of each school year. Service hours may not be satisfied with financial contributions of any kind. Families may earn hours both at school and at home.

**Families that fail to satisfy this annual requirement will be notified and are subject to the following:**

- *The family may be asked not to return for the following year.*
- *Students will be restricted from extracurricular activities.*

Siblings performing service hours on behalf of the family must be 18 years or older and not currently attending a public school.

For safety reasons, parents completing their service hours on campus may not be accompanied by their minor children and may not earn hours in their own child's classroom.

Families new to Franklin will have their annual requirement prorated based upon the quarter in which the first child enters Franklin.

# ACTIVITIES TO EARN SERVICE HOURS

- ✓ Working in the classroom
- ✓ Helping the teacher from home
- ✓ Room parent duties
- ✓ Assisting with arrival and dismissal
- ✓ Assisting in the cafeteria
- ✓ Attending a Service Hour approved PTO meeting.
- ✓ Assisting with lost and found items
- ✓ Acting as a hallway monitor
- ✓ Assisting front-desk staff
- ✓ Making copies on campus
- ✓ Making copies off campus (flat 30 minutes earned regardless of the number of copies)
- ✓ Working a sporting event or field day
- ✓ Attending restaurant fundraiser dinner nights (1 hour per adult, maximum 2 hours per family)
- ✓ Attending EESAC meetings
- ✓ Assisting in the Media Center
- ✓ Working the Scholastic Book Fair
- ✓ Chaperoning
- ✓ Participating in a community outreach/marketing event
- ✓ Reading to large groups of students



# ACTIVITIES THAT CANNOT EARN FAMILY SERVICE HOURS

- ✗ Donating any item(s)
- ✗ The act of spending money on behalf of the school
- ✗ Attending parent-teacher conferences
- ✗ Reading to your own child
- ✗ Assisting your own child with homework or practice work
- ✗ Attending chorus/performing arts concert or performance
- ✗ Field trip meetings
- ✗ Attending award ceremonies or parent orientation meetings
- ✗ Shopping for Teacher Appreciation items
- ✗ Attending any classroom event
- ✗ Carpooling
- ✗ Attending a board meeting

## **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND...**

- *Your badge should be worn at all times*
- *Please avoid using your cell phone while working on campus*
- *Please dress appropriately for a professional environment*
- *Please bring your ID*

