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STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

A SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

As stated in Ontario Secondary Schools, Grade 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements, 1999 (OSS) every student who begins secondary school during or after the 1999-2000 school year must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

PURPOSE

We envision students who are of the Sunnatul Islamic faith involved in pursuing academic excellence and willing to demonstrate a global perspective and community responsibility.

The purpose of the student community involvement requirement is to encourage students to:

- grow in the Islamic calling to service and reflection, developing a generous and compassionate response to the local community and to the world
- foster an awareness and understanding of social and civic responsibility
- experience and celebrate the contributions they can make in supporting and strengthening their communities

GUIDELINES

THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS MUST BE OBSERVED:

- The student community involvement activities must total a minimum of 40 hours and must be completed in order to be eligible for the OSSD.
- Student community involvement activity must be completed outside of scheduled class time.
- The activities **must be unpaid**.
- “Volunteer” is not necessarily “community service”.
- Volunteer work conducted in a commercial setting does not qualify as community service.

BIC: HELP YOUR COMMUNITY – Volunteer Student Involvement

- Help organize local community events-food drives/banks
- Get involved in charitable activities – such as fundraising, walk-a-thons, daffodil sales, canvassing for organizations
- Assist with sports teams and recreation programs - Help with sports teams- run skills drills, assist with coaching/mentoring.
- Volunteer with BIC Social services
- Help in Organizing Islamic Services such as Eid Events and Eid parties
- Assist with literary initiatives and organization (shelving, tidying up and membership) of the BIC library and bookstore.
- Get involved in the democratic political process-scrutineer, canvassing, campaigning

- Tutor other students- help with homework, review difficult concepts

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Parents/Guardians:

Parents/guardians should provide assistance to their child in the selection of their community involvement activities. Parents/ guardians also are encouraged to communicate with the community sponsor and the school Principal if they have any questions or concerns. Parent/guardian must sign Part C: Completion of Community Involvement Activity Form if the student is under the age of eighteen years.

Students:

Students will, in consultation with their parents, select an appropriate activity from the BIC board's list of eligible activities. If the student wishes to be involved in an activity which is not on the board's list of approved activities, the student must obtain written permission from the principal prior to beginning the activity, provided that the activity is not on the board's or the Ministry's list of ineligible activities. The student is responsible for the completion and submission of the Student Community Involvement Activity form within the time frame given by the school.

At all times, the student is expected to complete the community involvement in a manner consistent with Brampton Islamic Centres values and a positive work ethic. The following is a list of recommended behaviours:

- showing respect for Islamic faith, community sponsors and their workplaces
- punctuality
- appropriate dress and grooming
- good manners
- a willingness to listen and follow instructions
- a willingness to clarify instructions when in doubt
- The ability to maintain confidentiality.

Community Sponsors:

One of the purposes of the community involvement requirement is to develop strong ties between students and their community, fostering valuable and long-term relationships. Persons and organizations within the community may be asked by the student to sponsor a community involvement activity. Any training, equipment, or special preparation that is required for the activity should be provided by the person or organization. It is crucial that students are able to fulfill their community involvement requirement in a safe environment. The person overseeing the student's activity must verify the date(s) and the number of hours completed on the Student Community Involvement Activity Form, Part C.

INSURANCE

- Students and parents may wish to purchase Student Accident Insurance which is available through the schools.
- Boards expect that all community sponsors will provide students with appropriate instructions, put in place safety precautions, and train and supervise student volunteers.

The Brampton Islamic Centre is pleased to advise its community sponsors that students who are performing volunteer work for organizations are protected by the School Board's liability insurance, while they are performing their required forty hours of community involvement service. Community sponsors are also protected by the Board's liability insurance for claims that arise out of our students' volunteer activities for organizations.

For example, if a student, in the course of his/her volunteer duties, causes damage or injures a third party, and this results in a lawsuit against the student and the community sponsor, the Board's insurance will protect both the student and the community sponsor.

Community sponsors will be responsible for ensuring that their liability insurance will protect them for their involvement in this program. As with other programs, such as "Take Our Kids to Work", the School Board's insurance does not provide coverage for the negligence of the community sponsors.

The School Board expects the community sponsors to ensure that student volunteers are provided with safety instructions, and are trained and supervised to ensure a safe and mutually beneficial volunteer experience.

All required information must be completed and the form is to be submitted to your Guidance Counsellor. If you would like to do an activity that is not on any of the lists, you must obtain the Principal's approval. Please complete Part C and submit this to the Principal for approval BEFORE you proceed.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY FORM

PART A: Student Information

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

STUDENT NUMBER: _____

It is the responsibility of the parents and students to ensure the activity is on the ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES CHECKLIST. All students under the age of 18 require a parent/guardian signature indicating their knowledge and approval of the chosen activity.

PART B: PEEL Board's Eligible Activities List

Fund-raising– includes canvassing and assisting with the organization of events for the benefit of the community, e.g., walkathons, celebrity games, gala events, bazaars, etc.

Sports/recreation– includes coaching and helping to organize tournaments, sporting events, track meets and summer games or volunteering as a leisure buddy or pool assistant

Community Events– includes helping to organize winter carnivals, parades, and summer fairs

Community Projects– includes participating in organized food drives; or support services for community groups. **Environmental Projects**– includes participating in community clean-up, flower/tree planting, recycling, and general beautification projects and activities

Volunteer Work with Seniors– includes assisting in a seniors' residence, e.g. – serving snacks, helping with activities, pottering, or participating in visiting and reading programs

Religious Activities– includes participation as a volunteer in catechists classes, children's liturgy programs, and special events

Youth Programs– includes volunteer assistance in the operation of youth programs such as Scouts, Guides, recreation centre activities, breakfast programs, March Break programs, Leaders-in-Training, summer playground activities, and camps

Office/Clerical Work– includes volunteer activity in reception, computer work, and mailing for individuals or groups providing charitable or general community benefit

Work with Animals– includes volunteer involvement with animal care or volunteer assistance at a local zoo or petting farm

Arts and Culture– includes volunteer assistance at a gallery, performing arts production or program, or in a community library program

Activities for Individuals– includes any volunteer activity that assists someone who requires the assistance with shopping, tutoring, light snow removal (no use of snowblower), housekeeping, writing letters or transcribing, or involves hospital visitation, voluntary involvement with chronic care, or service as a volunteer reading buddy.

School Community Service –may include service within the school community that provides benefit to others that takes place outside the regular school day. These activities must be approved at a local level by the school Principal in advance of the commencement of the activity.

For great ideas in the GTA, visit www.40hours.ca and www.volunteertoronto.ca

PART C: Completion of Community Involvement Activity

ACTIVITY: _____

DATE OF COMPLETION: _____ NUMBER OF HOURS: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

SUPERVISOR NAME: _____

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PRINCIPAL APPROVAL (circle one): YES NO

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE: _____