

What's the Big Deal about Community Involvement Hours?

In addition to 30 credits and the literacy test, all HWDSB students must complete at least 40 Community Involvement Hours (CIH) to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students can start earning these hours the summer after Grade 8.



Requiring Community Involvement Hours is one way to:

- encourage civic responsibility
- promote community values
- support students' career explorations
- develop student interests and skills
- reinforce the importance of volunteering



What are Community Involvement Hours?

- A requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- Volunteer community involvement activities totalling at least 40 hours
- An activity that benefits the community

Eligible Activities

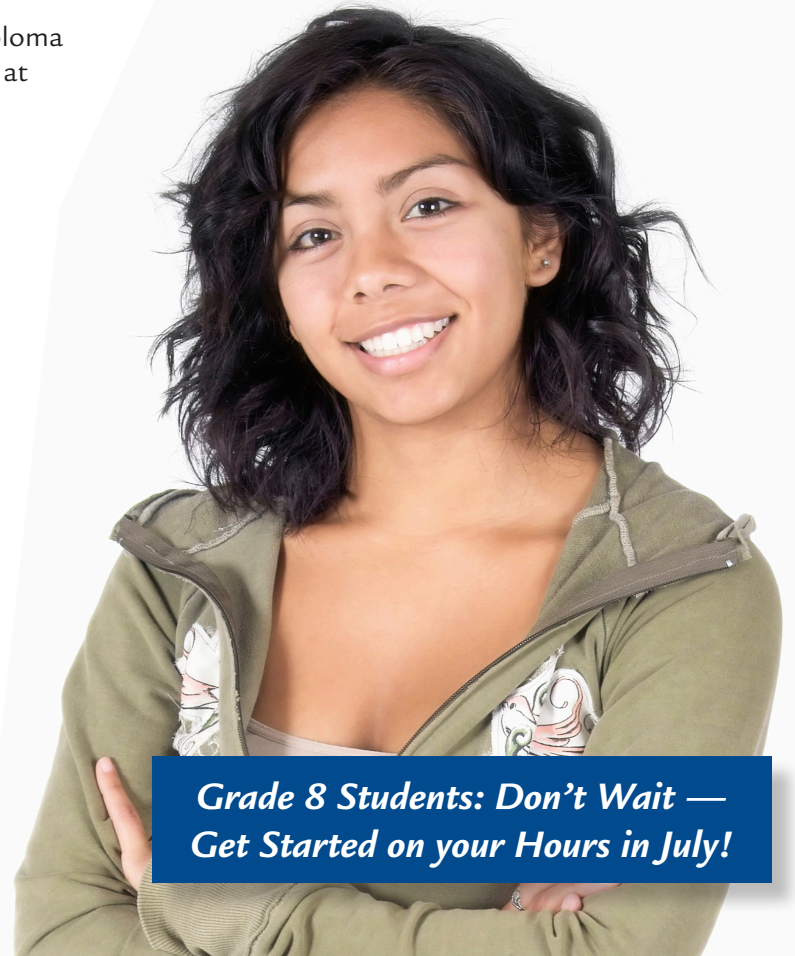
- Advisory board
- Charity walk-a-thons or runs
- Community events, festivals or fairs
- Community projects
- Committee work
- Environmental projects
- Mentorship programs
- Office work for a non-profit organization
- Volunteer work for seniors

Ineligible Activities

The Ministry of Education and Training also lists activities that may not be chosen as community involvement activities. You can learn more on the HWDSB website.

Community Involvement Hours

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**Grade 8 Students: Don't Wait —
Get Started on your Hours in July!**

Learn more about Community Involvement Hours!

www.hwdsb.on.ca/learning/graduation-information/cih/students