**Marathon High School**

**Community Service Guidelines**

1. Service may be volunteered to the school and/or the community.
2. Students must perform volunteer services on their own time, which may include your lunch break.
3. Participation in performances and festivals counts if the following apply:
	1. *Volunteer service meets an identified community service need, and*
	2. *Student participation is of voluntary nature, and*
	3. *Neither the student organization nor the sponsoring organization receives payment for the performance.*

**If participation meets the above criteria, then partial rehearsal time may be counted. Performing hours may be matched with the same number of rehearsal hours.** For example, a chorus member performs 1 hour at a nursing home and is given 2 hours of credit (1 hour for the performance and 1 hour for rehearsal). e. Band performances in community parades such as 4th of July, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, will count; homecoming parades do not count.

4. Students may not be paid for service rendered.

5. Volunteer service involving academic requirements for a class will not count.

6. Service rendered, as a prerequisite for employment will not count.

7. Attendance at self-improvement workshops, conferences, or competitions will not count as service.

8. Fundraising for non-profit organizations or charities **will count**.

9. Float building, and team managers will count.

10. Service performed as a result of disciplinary action taken by the school or courts cannot count.

11. Service can be performed at any time during high school but must be completed by the date of high school graduation. Hours completed after graduation cannot be counted toward the Bright Futures requirement.

12. Participation in Varsity or Junior Varsity Athletics and regularly scheduled band, chorus, and drama performances does not constitute volunteer service under this program.

13. Community service forms must be returned to the high school CCAPs counselor in order to be entered as part of the student’s transcripts.

13. The above criteria will not cover all circumstances. If a question exists regarding the acceptance of an activity for volunteer service, the student’s counselor should approve the service prior to the student’s participation. A good guideline would be to ask how the activity addresses the social problem that the student has identified to work on as a part of his/her community service plan.