

# FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE – **Community Service Credit\***  
**Student Initiated Project**

POLICY - **IMBAA**

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Fort La Bosse School Division recognizes that students can make a contribution by volunteering for worthwhile causes or organizations. The civic skills, knowledge and attitudes obtained from such community service activity can increase a student's self esteem and maturity, and provide more awareness of the needs of others in the community.

Students may earn one (1) credit for graduation purposes for participating in such activity during the senior years. This credit can be at the 11G, 21G, 31G, or 41G level. Where a set number of "Hours of Community Service" are a requirement of another course, they cannot be counted for more than one course. (i.e. 10 hours of coaching as a requirement for a 31G P.E. credit would not count also as 10 hours towards a Community Service credit.) **Credit will be assigned during the year in which the service takes place. (i.e. if the community service is done when a student is in Senior 3 the credit would be a senior 3 credit.)**

Course enrolment is not required given there is no formal course.

## **Student Roles and Responsibilities:**

To obtain a Community Service SIP credit a student is required to:

1. Provide the school with a completed and signed copy of the parent/guardian approval form (if under age 18)
2. Inform the school of the intent to obtain the Community Service SIP credit prior to commencing the activity.
3. Obtain the approval of the principal for the community service activity prior to commencing the activity.
4. Complete a minimum of 110 hours for 1 full credit or 55 hours for a one-half credit. **Hours cannot be accumulated at a rate of less than 55 hours per school year.**
5. Together with the Community organization, keep track of the hours of service.
6. Provide the school with documentation, (i.e. a letter from the community organization) that indicates that participation took place, when it took place, the number of hours served and the civic skills, knowledge and attitudes obtained in the activity.
7. Assume along with parents/guardians the responsibility for safety.
8. Understand that neither the school, the school division nor Manitoba Education will be liable for any damage to or loss of property of the student caused by or in any way related to the student's participation in a community service activity.

**School Roles and Responsibilities:**

1. Discuss the Community Service Credit opportunity with the Advisory Council for School Leadership.
2. Notify teachers and students of the Community Service credit opportunity.
3. Notify parents/guardians of the Community Service credit opportunity.
4. Provide Parent/Guardian approval forms to students who wish to participate.
5. Evaluate proposed community service activities.
6. Recognize a Community Service SIP credit that has been approved by another school/division.
7. Record the Community Service SIP credit using the code 8977 as provided by ME&Y.
8. Make the guidelines for a community service credit available to parents and students.

