Community Service can be defined as “an act of assistance or benefit to another or others.” It is implied that the service be performed for persons unrelated to the student, and is for charitable rather than political purposes. Volunteering provides students with opportunities to:

- Define interests and strengths
- Explore new roles and possible careers
- Acquire life skills
- Understand their responsibilities as citizens in the community
- Assume responsibilities
- Apply classroom learning to “real life” learning experiences
- Have new experiences
- Provide an opportunity to meet new people with similar interests and values
- Improve their self-esteem
- Take and accept new challenges
- Experience the positive experience of helping others and the opportunity to make a difference in the community