

## TDSB Approved Activities

Events or activities to support a not-for-profit initiative unless pre-approved by school principal or designate

### HELP YOUR NEIGHBOURS

- provide service to seniors or to others who have difficulty leaving their homes – raking, shovelling (no snow blowers), shopping (students should not drive vehicles for this purpose), visiting, reading, meal preparation
- assist a neighbour with child care – take child to the park, watch child while parent prepares dinner
- tutor younger students – read, take to library, help with homework
- assist neighbours with pet sitting, animal care
- get involved in the democratic political process – scrutineering, canvassing, campaigning
- offer service through religious communities/ places of worship
- assist with literacy initiatives – at local libraries, day care centres, community centres

### HELP YOUR SCHOOL OR OTHER SCHOOLS

### HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

- volunteer at a seniors' home/centre – visit, read, play cards or board games, take seniors for walks, make crafts
- help organize local community events – food drives/banks
- take part in environmental initiatives – recycling campaigns, park cleanup, planting trees & flower beds (students should not use power tools – lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, wood chippers, etc.)
- get involved in charitable activities – walk-a-thons, daffodil sales, canvassing for non-profit organizations
- assist with sports teams but not as a player– community leagues, parks and recreation programs
- volunteer in leadership roles with community groups – youth groups
- volunteer in hospitals, libraries or any charitable, not-for-profit organization
- volunteer with social service or animal welfare agencies – Red Cross, United Way, Humane Society
- help with sports teams – run skills drills, assist coach or team but not as a team player
- help in the library – shelve books, tidy up, change bulletin boards
- tutor other students – help with homework, review difficult concepts
- assist students with special needs – act as peer buddy
- assist with the planning of arts or athletic events – work on publicity, set up for track meets, sell tickets, check coats, offer technical support
- facilitate school events such as fun fairs, parent information nights - greet visitors, set up and supervise booths, give tours, serve refreshments
- assist with environmental activities – encourage recycling, plant trees/flowers, work on grounds crews (students should not use power tools)
- participate in charitable initiatives – food and clothing drives, holiday drives for toys or food
- sit on school councils, committees – school governance, be a peer mentor/mediator, help with orientation of grade 9 students

## Ministry of Education Ineligible Activities

The Ministry of Education has developed a list of activities that may NOT be chosen as community involvement activities and that are therefore ineligible activities.

An **Ineligible activity** is an activity that:

- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (e.g., cooperative education portion of a course, job shadowing, work experience)
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch break or "spare" periods is permissible
- takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under 16 years of age
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under 15 years of age
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under 14 years of age and is not accompanied by an adult
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace (students are not to replace paid workers or be paid themselves)
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons
- involves handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques, or other valuables
- consists of duties normally performed in the student's home (i.e. daily chores, caring for siblings) or personal recreational activities
- involves a court-ordered program (e.g. community-service program for young offenders, probationary program)

**Student Injury** – The Board does not provide insurance coverage for injury resulting to student volunteers. To assist, students may purchase student accident insurance by visiting [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)