

Chelsea Academy Family Service Hours: Explained

Chelsea Academy is grateful for the efforts of our parents. In fact, without the hours of service parents have poured into the school over the years, Chelsea would not be the school it is today. Because of the importance of service to the life of the school, over the course of the 2024-25 school year, Chelsea requires a minimum of 30 volunteer hours per family. There is also an option to buy out the volunteer hour requirement at a rate of \$750 for the year.

Because we recognize that family service* is a combination of time, talents, and material goods, the family service requirement can be met with a combination of volunteer time and/or items purchased in support of Chelsea activities & events. In appreciation for all of these gifts that Chelsea families bring forth, the following can be counted toward the family service obligation:

- time at the school / school events (e.g., lunch & recess monitors, chaperones on a field trip, drivers for sporting events)
- time in service of the school (e.g., food preparation for a faculty luncheon)
- food and material expenses toward school / school events (e.g., cookie ingredients, donations of sporting equipment for a sports team)
- any combination of the above (e.g., both the ingredients and time to prepare food donations for school events)

Food and material expenses count towards the annual family service hour requirement at a rate of 1 hour for every \$25 spent.

We hope that families will elect to volunteer their time and talents in service to the school - it is the very fabric of our school to have parents and children pitching in and helping at every turn. Everyone is a vital member of this community, and community is indeed built through the sweat and smiles of working together toward a common good! That being said, we do recognize that because of varying life circumstances that some families will need to utilize the buy-out option, either partially or totally. Please let the family service coordinator know if you plan on a total buy-out option.

*Because this is a *family* service requirement, children are encouraged to participate in volunteering. Their hours should be logged in your family login and noted accordingly.