

CONNISTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Excellence in IB and Dual Language Education

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Dear IB Student:

As part of your learning experience as an IB student you are required to complete community service hours. Service requires that you are able to build authentic connections between what you learn in the classroom and what you encounter in the community.

At Conniston each student is required to participate in an act of service. Students are required to complete 20 hours in 6th grade, 25 hours in 7th grade and 30 hours in 8th grade. As a result, IB students should be able to identify their learning outcomes and develop a self-reflection on the service they participated in.

There are two IB certificates that can be earned at the end of your 8th grade year. The criteria for each certificate is determined based on your academic performance and community service hours from your 6th, 7th and eventually 8th grade year.

The criteria for these certificates are listed below:

Exemplary Certificate:

For students who have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA in 8th grade and who have earned at least two high school credits. This certificate also requires a minimum of 30 hours in 8th grade as well as all hours from 6th and 7th grade completed.

Honorary Certificate:

For students who have a minimum 2.75 GPA in 8th grade. This certificate also requires a minimum of 30 hours completed in 8th grade. There is no high school credit requirement for this certificate.

The deadline to submit any hours that were earned in the past will be December 21, 2018. Service & Action hours that will fulfill your current academic year will be due on May 10, 2019. This documentation must be submitted directly to Ms. Machado or Ms. Cruz in the main office. It is the responsibility of the student to find service opportunities. Conniston does offer a variety of opportunities throughout the year in school clubs and classroom initiatives. Service & Action logs are available in every grade level office.

Sincerely,

Ms. Machado

