

# Vista Magnet Middle School International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program



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## **Community Service Requirement 2008 - 2009**

Deadline for Submission – June 1, 2009

[vistamagnet.com](http://vistamagnet.com)

# Vista Magnet Middle School IB Middle Years Program Community Service

**Who:** As part of the IBMYP community service requirement, all students at VMMS must participate in community service and document their experience. 6<sup>th</sup> graders must participate in and document three community service opportunities. 7<sup>th</sup> graders must also participate in and document three community service opportunities, with one of their experiences totaling a minimum of 4 hours.

**What:** VMMS teachers and staff incorporate opportunities within the curriculum for students to meet the community service requirement. Additional opportunities are offered through clubs and ASB. Students are also welcome to seek out their own community service opportunities. After completing a community service, students need to complete the IBMYP Community Service Opportunity Form (see attached), as well as submit a piece of evidence documenting their participation. This documentation will be submitted into each student's IBMYP portfolio.

Students may also choose to document additional community service experiences beyond the three required.

**Why:** As IB learners, students are expected to extend their learning beyond the classroom. In order to become part of a global society, students are encouraged to become responsible citizens and will participate in activities that help them deepen their knowledge and understanding of the community and world around them.

This Area of Interaction (Community and Service) aims to develop in students:

- Sensitivity to the needs of the community and society in general
- Awareness of the role of the individual within a community
- A willingness and the skills to respond to the needs of others
- An altruistic attitude which enriches the life of the student through enhanced insight into different social patterns and ways of life

**When:** Student must complete and submit all Opportunity Forms (see attached) by **June 1, 2009**.

**Questions/Ideas:** If you have questions about the Community Service Requirement or if you have community service opportunities for our students, please contact:

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The first step in volunteering is figuring out how you would like to spend your time making a difference. Here are some possible suggestions of community service to get you started:

- Take part in a recycling project in your neighborhood or at school
- Volunteer at a local nursing home or senior center
- Participate in county/community clean-up projects
- Provide tutoring services for younger students or students at VMMS
- Volunteer to help a public service organization
- Work with an existing service program such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- Assist a coach of a youth sports team
- Organize your own neighborhood food drive or clean up
- Volunteer at an elementary school to help with activities they have (Family Fun Days, afterschool/weekend events, presentations, etc.)
- Help out past or current teachers
- Read stories to young children in an afterschool program or at the public library
- Help with local fund raising activities
- Help out at an animal shelter or veterinary office
- Volunteer your time at a local homeless shelter or food bank

Here are some websites that you may find helpful:

- [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)
- [www.volunteersandiego.org](http://www.volunteersandiego.org) (Check out the Youth Volunteer Guide)
- [www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program/](http://www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program/)
- [www.ilacsd.org](http://www.ilacsd.org)
- [www.sdbaykeeper.org/](http://www.sdbaykeeper.org/)
- [www.dosomething.org/](http://www.dosomething.org/)



# IB Community Service Opportunity Vista Magnet Middle School

Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Person or group hosting the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of project: \_\_\_\_\_ hours Signature of responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

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(What was the purpose? How did you contribute? What impact did you make?)

Reflection: How did this project impact the lives of others? What did you learn about yourself as a result of participating in this opportunity?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Level of appreciation: Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interaction: Environment \_\_\_\_\_ Approaches to Learning \_\_\_\_\_

Ingenuity \_\_\_\_\_ Health & Social Education \_\_\_\_\_

You must submit with this write up some type of evidence that documents your experience for all opportunities not sponsored by VMMS. Possible examples include flyers/brochures of the event, a picture of you participating, a certificate of recognition (photocopy), or a thank you note from someone you helped.