

# YPP STUDENT/PARENT GUIDELINES

## **Purpose of YPP**

- To encourage secondary school students to serve as community volunteers
- To increase awareness of the needs of the community
- To increase awareness of the life-long value of volunteerism

## **Program Guidelines**

- Students may count volunteer work after the completion of the school-based training workshop offered by the high school.
- Students will not be paid for services rendered.
- Students may use this program to meet the requirements of the Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction, Volusia County Schools Honors Diploma, Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, and the International Baccalaureate Program.

## **Hours That Can Be Counted**

- Community service for public, non-profit agencies
- Performances that meet an identified community service
- Youth service provided during summer vacation, weekends, and school holidays
- Time before school, after school, during lunch hour, and in extended day programs
- Time during the school day for dual-enrolled students, as schedule permits

## **Requirements for Specific Programs**

Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction .....	100 hours
Volusia County Honors Diploma .....	75 hours
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship	
Academic Scholars.....	100 hours
Medallion Scholars.....	75 hours
Gold Seal Vocational Scholars .....	30 hours
International Baccalaureate* .....	150 hours

\*IB includes Creativity, Action and Service. Please see the IB counselor at Spruce Creek High School or DeLand High School for details.

## **Tips for Selecting an Agency**

The parent/guardian is solely responsible for selecting an agency where their child volunteers. The agency's purpose should be service to the community. Consider the following when making this selection. They should provide:

- A safe environment for the student
- A supervisor for the student
- Meaningful duties for the student
- Detailed volunteer position descriptions including any prerequisites

## **Student Volunteer Objectives**

- To enjoy a meaningful volunteer experience
- To have duties clearly defined by agency
- To always work under supervision
- To have opportunities that enhance talents, skills, vocational interests
- To enjoy a healthy and safe work environment
- To have the availability of a school YPP Coordinator to help with problem solving
- To ask questions

If a student is asked to do anything which makes them feel uncomfortable, the student should report this to their parent or guardian, school guidance counselor, YPP Coordinator, or another trusted adult.