



## **Volunteer Requirements Information**

We are excited to have you as a member of Health Sciences Academy! One of your requirements for being in HSA is to complete volunteer hours each year. Below you will find a breakdown of your volunteer requirements.

- As a member of the Health Sciences Academy (HSA), you will be <u>required</u> to perform and log with the HSA office 25.0 volunteer hours <u>each</u> school year. HSA students can start volunteering in their community the day after graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- To graduate from HSA with your senior class, you are required to have a cumulative 100 volunteer hours by the April 1 deadline of your senior year with 25.0 of these being medical volunteer hours. Please remember you are <u>required</u> to submit 25.0 volunteer hours each school year to remain in the Academy.

Note: Medical volunteer hours are volunteer hours in a clinical setting where licensed clinical professionals administer direct patient care.

The medical volunteer hours requirement is not an initial requirement, but must be met by April 1 of your senior year!

• HSA volunteer hours should be logged on a HSA log sheet and can be submitted to the HSA office email address (<u>healthsciencesacademy@pitt.k12.nc.us</u>) or delivered to our office. Log sheets can be submitted any time at the student's discretion (you do not have to wait until the sheet is full; however, all sheets must be turned in by April 1.) *Family members cannot sign a student's HSA volunteer log.* 

Note: Our normal volunteer deadline is April 1 at 5:00 p.m. of each school year. Copies of the HSA volunteer log sheet are available in our office and on the Volunteer Opportunities & Information page of our HSA website at all times. The HSA website can be located via a search on the Pitt County Schools website (www.pitt.k12.nc.us)

 Our HSA Volunteer Guidelines allow our students to do volunteer hours during times they <u>are</u> <u>not required</u> to be in school. HSA members can volunteer with nonprofits, charities, faith-based organizations and churches. As long as you are volunteering for one of these, you do not need to get a preapproval from the HSA office.

Note: Keep in mind that <u>for-profit businesses do not qualify</u> as an approved HSA volunteer agency. The only exception to this rule is clinical settings for medical volunteer hours.

(See Reverse Side for Additional Information)

- HSA posts volunteer opportunities on our HSA website, but you are not limited to these volunteer opportunities. Our website postings are community offerings that we have been asked to share with our student families.
- Our HSA students source their own volunteer opportunities, both regular volunteer hours and medical volunteer hours.
- Each HSA student receives a complimentary blue HSA volunteer T-Shirt upon admission into our program. Additional shirts can be purchased in the HSA office at any time for a cost of \$7.00 each.

## Medals Recognition Information!

We offer medals recognition for students going "above and beyond" their required hours.

- Bronze medal is awarded when students achieve 150.0 hours or more by our April 1 school year deadline.
- Silver medal is awarded when students achieve 250.0 hours or more by our April 1 school year deadline.
- Gold medal is awarded when students achieve 350.0 hours or more by our April 1 school year deadline.

Some students achieve these medals as underclassmen, while some achieve them as seniors. Underclassmen medals are awarded during an April underclassmen celebration event. Senior medals are awarded as a part of our May HSA Senior Banquet.

Please reach out to our office via phone or email with any additional questions you might have along the way. Our HSA counselors are also available to help you if you would like to contact them directly.

HSA email: <a href="https://www.healthsciencesacademy@pitt.k12.nc.us">https://www.healthsciencesacademy@pitt.k12.nc.us</a>

HSA Office Phone: 252-830-4257

Our office is located at: 1058 Moye Boulevard Greenville, NC 27834 (Across the street from Guy Smith Stadium) We are located in a glass-front building with copper roof accents. A Taylor Warehousing sign is at the entrance to our parking lot.