

# Cinco Ranch High School

## Cougars Achieving Through Service

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As related to the Portrait of a KISD Graduate, the district wants to instill certain knowledge and traits into every student so that when they graduate, they will enter society as well-educated, conscientious citizens.

One way to accomplish this is to highlight the importance of giving back to the community. The “Cougars Achieving Through Service (CATS)” program has been designed to achieve this goal.

CRHS Students participating in this program will:

- Observe that learning takes place everywhere
- Explore learning on their own
- Become active problem solvers and critical thinkers
- Become a resource to their community
- Become adults with feelings, values, and beliefs
- See the school as a helpful part of the community
- See the disciplines taught in school integrated into life’s work

The outcomes for this program are:

- Communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Reliable working skills
- A sense of caring and belonging
- Awareness of community needs
- Ability to follow directions
- Possess realistic ideas about the workplace

## Cougars Achieving Through Service (CATS) Guidelines

All students are encouraged to participate in service activities. Underclassmen will receive a certificate of accomplishment. Seniors will wear a white honor cord at graduation.

### GRADE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

- **Freshmen** must complete a minimum of 10 hours of documented community and/or school service.
- **Sophomores** must complete a minimum of 20 hours of documented community and/or school service.
- **Juniors** must complete a minimum of 40 hours of documented community and/or school service.
- **Seniors** must complete a minimum of 60 hours of documented community and/or school service.  
*Service for CRHS will be limited to 30 hours.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Community service hours must be completed between April 1 and March 31 of the following year.
- Volunteer hours earned through school/community organizations may be documented for this program; however, these hours must be done outside the student's home unless pre-approved by the grade level principal, and cannot include any activities for which pay is received.
- Fundraising activities for any school organization will not count as community service.
- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are allowed to receive hours for project grad activities. SENIORS MAY NOT RECEIVE HOURS FROM PROJECT GRAD ACTIVITIES.
- Church worship activities during worship hour are not considered community service. Such activities include singing in the choir, participating on the worship team, and/or playing in the praise band.
- Church activities completed outside the worship hour, such as teaching Sunday school, babysitting for support groups, working on mission trips, teaching/decorating for vacation bible school, and lights and sounds for church events, will be counted for CATS service hours.
- No travel time may be included.
- Supervisor signatures for the Hour Summary Form must be from someone other than a family member.
- Students must turn in a stapled packet that should include the following information:
  - Cover sheet (labeled with CATS and your name)
  - "CATS Hours Summary" sheet with verification signatures and telephone numbers.
- Packets must be turned in by the Friday of the **FIRST WEEK IN APRIL** to the appropriate grade level principal.
- Any unique circumstances which do not fall under these guidelines may be discussed with the appropriate grade level principal.

## INFORMATION

Students needing additional forms and additional information about volunteer opportunities may access the Cinco Ranch website through: <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/CRHS/Pages/default.aspx>.

Click on "Student Zone," then look under Cougars Achieving Through Service for links to guidelines and forms. Also, click on "Click This Link" under Volunteer Opportunities for service ideas at Cinco Ranch High School and in the community.

Student volunteer opportunities are also listed on the CRHS PTSA website at [www.crhsptsa.org](http://www.crhsptsa.org).

## CONTACT

If you have any questions, contact the CRHS PTSA Cougars Achieving Through Service liaison at [Cinco.students@gmail.com](mailto:Cinco.students@gmail.com).

**COUGARS ACHIEVING THROUGH SERVICE (CATS)  
HOURS SUMMARY**



**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Community Organization or Event	Hours	Supervisor's Signature and Title <small>(must be non-family member)</small>	Phone Number
4/13	<b>Junior Volunteer Program, Katy Memorial Herman Hospital</b>	4	<i>Jane Doe</i> Volunteer Coordinator	(281) 395-XXXX
Total Number of Hours				

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), certify that I have completed the documented community service \_\_\_\_\_. (signature)  
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