

Cinco Ranch High School

Cougars Achieving Through Service

The “Portrait of a Katy ISD Graduate” encourages certain knowledge and traits to be instilled into every student. When CRHS Cougars graduate, the goal is for them to enter society as well-educated, conscientious citizens. At CRHS, we highlight the importance of giving back to our community through service. “**Cougars Achieving Through Service**” or “**CATS**” is a Cinco Ranch Program designed to achieve this goal. There are no meetings associated with this volunteer opportunity, simply service for and in our community.

CRHS students participating in the CATS program will:

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

Student outcomes for the CATS program include:

- Communication skills
 - Leadership skills
 - Reliable working skills
 - A sense of caring and belonging
 - Awareness of community needs
 - Ability to follow directions
 - Possessing realistic ideas about the workplace
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Cougars Achieving Through Service (CATS) Guidelines

All CRHS students are encouraged to participate in service activities both on our campus at throughout our community. Seniors wear a white honor cord at graduation. All other students receive a certificate of accomplishment. There are no meetings for this Service Honor.

GRADE LEVEL HOUR REQUIREMENTS***

- **Freshman: 10 hour** minimum documented community and/or school service, includes certificate.
- **Sophomore: 20 hour** minimum documented community and/or school service, includes certificate.
- **Junior: 40 hour** minimum documented community and/or school service, includes certificate.
- **Senior: 60 hour** minimum documented community and/or school service, includes white honor cords.

****Documented CRHS campus service that counts toward total hours is limited to 30.*

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **April 1 to March 31** is the approved timeframe for hours to count toward submission.
- Submit the completed packet on or before the **FIRST FRIDAY IN APRIL ANNUALLY (by 2:45 p.m.)** to the appropriate grade level principal.
- Service hours earned through school/community organizations should be logged for this program.
- Hours must be completed outside the student's home unless pre-approved by a grade level principal. No pay can be received for volunteer service hours to be counted on Hour Log.
- Fundraising activities for any school organization will not count as community service.
- **9th, 10th, and 11th** grade students are allowed to receive hours for project grad volunteering.
- **SENIORS** are NOT ALLOWED TO RECEIVE HOURS FROM PROJECT GRAD ACTIVITIES.
- **Allowed:** Church activities completed outside the worship hour, such as teaching Sunday school, babysitting for support groups, working during mission trips, teaching/decorating for vacation bible school, and lights & sound for church events.
- **Not allowed:** Church worship activities during worship hour are not considered community service. Includes singing in the choir, participating on the worship team, and/or playing in a praiseband.
- Travel time is NOT included.
- Supervisor signatures for the HOUR LOG must be from someone other than a family member.
- Any unique circumstances which do not fall under these guidelines may be discussed with the appropriate grade level principal.

SUBMISSION

- **Submit a stapled packet that includes the following:**
 - **Cover sheet** must include the following:
 - a. CATS
 - b. Your name
 - c. Grade level
 - **"CATS Hour Log"** with completed information, see included document for log.
- **Submitted to Grade Level Principal's office before 2:45 p.m. on Friday, April 2nd, 2021**
- **Forms and additional information about volunteer opportunities may be accessed through the Cinco Ranch website at: <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/CRHS>**
 - Click "Student Zone" and select "CATS"
- **Forms and information are also available at crhsptsa.org**

CONTACT

- Questions? CRHS PTSA Communications: crhsptsacomm@gmail.com

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COUGARS ACHIEVING THROUGH SERVICE (CATS) HOUR LOG



STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

Date	Hours	Community Organization or Event	Supervisors Signature/Title (non-family member)	Supervisors Phone #
4/20	4	<i>Junior Volunteer Program, Katy Memorial Hermann Hospital</i>	<i>Jane Doe Volunteer Coordinator</i>	<i>XXX-XXX-XXXX</i>

I certify that I have completed the documented community service hours as listed above.

(Signature)

(Date)

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