



Commitment Hours Policy

Mandatory Commitment hours-36 hours/family

In order to maintain a sense of school community the APC passed the following policy: Beginning August 1, 2018, thirty-six Birchtree Commitment Hours will be required by each family. Providing learning experiences that focus on the head, heart and hands requires an increase of community support. The goal is to involve as many families as possible through attendance, participation, and service. Any time spent in service to our school community and culture demonstrate commitment to our school and count toward the 36 cumulative hours. Hours will be calculated April 1-April 1. If meeting hours becomes a challenge, families can work with the volunteer coordinator. If commitment hours are not met, the children will be unenrolled for the following school year. The family may enter the lottery for the following year to reenroll the children. On rare occasions, there may be family hardships that keep a family from meeting commitment hours. In cases of hardship, the family may petition the principal for a waiver.

Below are some possible school functions and activities where attendance and/or participation can count for family commitment hours:

- Parent Nights
- Festivals
- Helping in classrooms
- Projects assigned by teacher
- Grounds work (mowing, weeding, etc.)
- Sports/After school activities
- Field trips
- Cleaning classrooms
- Specialty skills
- Needs shared by teachers/office
- Tasks assigned by a teacher to complete at home
- Working with students in small groups within the classroom
- Supporting in Kindergarten or other classrooms
- Shoveling/sweeping sidewalks
- Time soliciting items for the annual 8th grade auction
- Mentoring Project for 8th graders

Upper grades (grades 6-8), are required to do 10, 15, and 20 service hours for grades 6, 7, and 8 respectively. Student service hours completed for the school count towards family commitment hours. Teachers will keep families informed of hours completed by upper grades students.

Commitment hours may be completed by any family members providing service that directly supports the school or a school sponsored event.

Commitment hours can also be satisfied by purchasing items needed for the school valued at \$20 per commitment hour or donating cash at a rate of \$20 per commitment hour.

Hours should be logged at the front office or via a mobile device. Information on how to do this is available by stopping by or calling the front office.