



Sophomore Service Program: 2018-2019

An essential part of the Sophomore theology curriculum and graduation requirements for Xavier College Preparatory High School is the commitment of students to serving the Coachella Valley community. Xavier students are asked to offer their time and energy in an effort to better understand what it means to be “men and women with and for others.” Xavier sophomores will have the opportunity to serve in various ministries which promote faith, hope, and love. The students’ experience illuminates their studies and personal faith journey which instills a responsibility in building a more just society and gives them a call to action. Xavier administration, faculty, staff, and alumni hope that this service experience fosters a continued commitment to justice.

Requirements for Sophomore Service Program (SSP) Hours:

- Each SEMESTER, sophomores must complete a **minimum of TEN (10) service hours for credit, a minimum of 20 service hours during the school year. Students are welcome and encouraged to go beyond the required total of 20 hours.** Any hours completed over the summer will only count towards first semester service requirement.
- Students will be responsible for filling out their service on x2VOL. For all hours, students will need to provide the name of the site or event, the date, the number of hours, the supervisor’s contact information, and an electronic confirmation from the organization. Xavier faculty members qualify as site supervisors for various activities and events. Students are required to submit hours they have completed **within one week of the event.** **Hours will not be valid and not count towards your service requirement failure to give this information in a timely manner.**
- See the attached Approved Sites and Agencies for further details on the different options for completing the SSP Hours. Sophomores are not required to choose from this list. However, it is highly encouraged. They may complete service hours at an organization such as schools, camps, museums, and events. Babysitting, working with family members, coaching Xavier sports teams, or paid work do not qualify for Sophomore service hours.
- This service will impact the Theology II grade and graduation requirement. Students’ semester grades will reflect the ten hours upon theology teacher’s discretion. This service will also affect their Sophomore Service Program (SSP) grade, which is pass/fail. The SSP grade is part of the graduation requirements for Xavier College Preparatory High School. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE YOUR HOURS MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RECEIVING YOUR DIPLOMA.**

Xavier Sophomore Service Opportunity

Xavier Faculty provide transportation to the Eastern Coachella Valley to assist Catholic Charities Mecca Food Distribution Center on Wednesdays from 7:30am-10:30am. Sign-ups will be available directly to students on a first come, first serve basis on x2VOL. Students receive 3 hours for each visit.

**SOPHOMORE SERVICE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
UPDATES WILL BE POSTED IN X2VOL.**

If you have any questions about the specifics of the requirements for SSP or questions on what is an acceptable site, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Barradas at dbarradas@xavierprep.org or Ms. Montez at amontez@xavierprep.org.

**PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT TO YOUR THEOLOGY TEACHER BY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th**



SSP Contract and Parent Contract
Sophomore Year Service Requirement

Student Name: _____

Theology Teacher: _____

I have reviewed this contract and agree that I will complete my Sophomore Service Requirement of 20 hours, a minimum of 10 per semester. Failure to fulfill my service requirement may result in a poor grade in my Theology II class and may put me at risk to graduate from Xavier College Preparatory High School.

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

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