

Community Service Requirements and High School Graduation

Many schools encourage students to volunteer in their communities, but some districts have moved further by making community service a graduation requirement. Supporters say volunteering builds responsibility, empathy, and real-world experience. Critics argue that mandatory service is forced labor, places extra pressure on busy students, and may not reflect true community engagement. Schools continue to debate whether required service benefits students or simply adds another obligation.

Should community service be required for high school graduation?

Read and carefully consider these perspectives. Each offers a distinct way of thinking about the question above.

Perspective One

Students grow through real responsibility. Required service teaches them to contribute to their communities and understand the impact of their actions.

Perspective Two

Volunteering loses its value when it is forced. Authentic service comes from personal choice, not from meeting a graduation condition.

Perspective Three

Mandatory service places an unfair burden on students who work jobs, support family members, or have limited free time.

Essay Task

Write a unified, well-structured essay responding to the question of whether classroom instruction should depend heavily on digital devices. In your essay, make sure to:

- present your own perspective and explain how it connects to at least one of the other perspectives
- support your points with logical reasoning and specific examples
- arrange your ideas in a clear, consistent order
- express your thoughts in standard written English

Your perspective may fully align with any of the given viewpoints, overlap with them, or differ entirely.