Service Select

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

Service is a critical component of TKA’s educational experience, and high school students at The King’s Academy are required to complete 35 hours of service annually as part of their graduation requirement. Students should submit a Service Select Application if they have chosen to fulfill their service hours outside of TKA sponsored Service Trips. The required hours may be completed at more than one organization, and an application should be submitted for each organization a student serves at.

**Service Select** opportunities include:
1. service within the local community
2. participation in a service trip with a nonprofit organization or church group

To receive credit, please note that Service Select students must:
- **submit the online application (on the TKA website)** and receive approval prior to the start of Service Select
- **log hours online** through a website called SEHOLO (SErvice HOurs LOgger)

**Eligibility Guidelines:**

We ask that Service Select meet a **minimum of three** of the following five criteria:
1. The recipients have a material need.
2. There is a relational component.
3. There is a spiritual component.
4. Students are serving across economic, geographic, or ethnic groups.
5. Students are choosing to be out of their “comfort zone.”

Also, outside organizations must not be in conflict with **TKA’s Statement of Faith**.

_Students will be asked to explain how their service meets the above criteria in their application._

**Service Select over the Summer**

Service Select hours completed in the **summer** may be applied to either the previous or following school year (except senior year). This is the student’s choice and responsibility to indicate which year they would like the credit to be applied to (students will indicate this on their application).

**Graduation**

Seniors will not be awarded a diploma until service requirements are met.

**Unacceptable Service Types:**

While we value the following items, they do not fulfill the requirements for acceptable types of service. They may, however, depending upon the service, be a part of the overall service experience.

- Office/Secretarial type duties (e.g., paperwork, mailings, filing, etc.)
- Administration (e.g., facilitation or registration for games, activities, or entertainment)
- Logistics (e.g., delivery, packaging, distribution, janitorial, etc.)
- Teaching Assistance (e.g., “normal” school classroom help, etc.)
- Babysitting
- Student Leadership for TKA camps/retreats (e.g., Science Camp)
- Clean-up projects (parks, churches, etc.)