

Family Service Hours FAQs

At Holy Name of Mary School, we believe our community is stronger when families are involved and sharing their time and talents.

What are the requirements?

As per the HNM School Handbook, each HNM family is required to volunteer 25 hours per school year. Single parent families are required to complete 12 hours. At the end of the school year, families will be charged \$20 for each hour not served.

Unless stated otherwise, hours are earned as one hour per hour served. Occasionally hours are offered for donated items, which will be specified on the sign up list.

Who can earn hours?

Any person who is part of the family of a child in this school may earn Family Service Hours. This includes mothers, fathers, step-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins, brothers, or sisters. All participants must be 18 years of age or older.

See the School Handbook for specific volunteer requirements. (Fingerprinting, VIRTUS, etc.)

How can I earn hours?

Below is a list of some ways you can earn service hours, but there are always opportunities available. Don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers or room parents to get more ideas!

- Fulfill a school volunteer position (i.e. Room Parent, PTG Officer, School Board Member, Booster Club Officer, HNM Scout Leader or Parent Volunteer, HNM Sports Team Coach, etc.)
 - Volunteer at the Used Uniform Sale (or do laundry for the sale)
 - Volunteer in the classroom, as approved by the teacher
 - Chaperone school field trips
 - Attend general PTG meetings (1 hr. per family per mtg.)
 - Serve on a committee for a school social, fundraising, or holiday event
 - Take home projects, laundry, etc. as assigned by your child's teacher
 - Volunteer at your child's class donut fellowship
 - Serve in our parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Usher, Lector, Faith Formation Leader, etc.
- ANY and ALL service to HNM parish is service to HNM school!**
- *HNM parish VBS volunteers can earn up to 5 hours per school year**
- Volunteer at HNM's annual Family Festival – any and all festival service is eligible for hours

Generally, items donated for Double Bag Lunch (DBL) or class parties do not count for service hours.

How do I record my hours?

Hours slips are available in the HNM school office and on the school website. These should be completed and signed by the teacher or staff member responsible for the activity or event, then returned to the office. Hours are updated in SchoolSpeak on a monthly basis.

What if I have questions?

You can always email the PTG Service Hours Coordinator, Rachel Pierotti, at ParentVolunteerHours@hnmschool.org