

Cinco Ranch High School

Cougars Achieving Through Service

The “Portrait of a Katy ISD Graduate” encourages certain knowledge and traits be instilled into every student. When CRHS Cougars graduate, the goal is for them to enter society as well-educated, conscientious citizens. At CRHS, we highlight the importance of giving back to our community through service. “**Cougars Achieving Through Service**” or “**CATS**” is a Cinco Ranch Program designed to achieve this goal.

CRHS students participating in the CATS program will:

- Observe that learning takes place everywhere
- Explore learning on their own
- Become active problem solvers and critical thinkers
- Become a resource to our community
- Grow into adults with feelings, values and beliefs
- Understand that the school is a helpful part of our community
- Understand how the disciplines taught in school integrate into life’s work.

Student outcomes for the CATS program include:

- Communication skills
 - Leadership skills
 - Reliable working skills
 - A sense of caring and belonging
 - Awareness of community needs
 - Ability to follow directions
 - Possessing realistic ideas about the workplace
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Cougars Achieving Through Service (CATS) Guidelines

All CRHS students are encouraged to participate in service activities both on our campus and throughout our community. Seniors wear a white honor cord at graduation. All other students receive a certificate of accomplishment each year.

GRADE LEVEL HOUR REQUIREMENTS***

- **Freshman:** 10 Hour minimum documented community and/or school service.
- **Sophomore:** 20 Hour minimum documented community and/or school service.
- **Junior:** 40 Hour minimum documented community and/or school service.
- **Senior:** 60 Hour minimum documented community and/or school service.

***Documented CRHS campus service that counts toward total hours is limited to 30.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **April 1 to March 31** is the approved timeframe for hours to count toward submission.
- Submit completed packet by the **FIRST FRIDAY IN APRIL (Friday April 4th, 2025 by 2:35 p.m.)** to the appropriate grade level principal's office.
- Service hours earned through school/community organizations may be logged for this program.
- Hours must be completed outside the student's home unless pre-approved by a grade level principal. No pay can be received for volunteer service hours to be counted on the Hour Log.
- **You may not use any hours that you are submitting for another student organization (like NHS, NTHS, etc.) or an outside organization (like NCL, YMSL, etc.) as your CATS hours. They must be from different volunteering opportunities.**
- Fundraising activities for any school organization will not count as community service.
- **9th, 10th, and 11th** grade students are allowed to receive hours for PROJECT GRAD ACTIVITIES.
- **SENIORS** are NOT ALLOWED TO RECEIVE HOURS FROM PROJECT GRAD ACTIVITIES.
- **Allowed:** Church activities completed outside the worship hour, such as teaching Sunday school, babysitting for support groups, working during mission trips, teaching/decorating for vacation bible school, and lights and sound for church events.
- **Not allowed:** Church worship activities during worship hour are not considered community service. Include singing in the choir, participating on the worship team, and/or playing in a praise band.
- Travel time is NOT included.
- Supervisor's signatures for the HOUR LOG must be from someone other than a family member.
- Any unique circumstances which do not fall under these guidelines may be discussed with the appropriate grade level principal.

****SUBMISSION****

- **Submit a stapled packet that includes the following:**
 - Cover sheet (labeled "CATS", with your name and grade level)
 - "CATS HOUR LOG" with completed information, **total hours and signature.**
- **Submitted to Grade Level Principal's office in person before 2:35 p.m. on Friday April 4, 2024.**
- **Information about volunteer opportunities may be accessed through the Cinco Ranch website at: <http://www.katyisd.org/campus/CRHS>**
 - Click "Student Zone" and select "CATS"
- **Forms and information also available at crhsptsa.org**

CONTACT

- Questions? Contact CRHS PTSA CATS liaison through the CRHS PTSA website

Cinco Ranch High School PTSA



PARENT TEACHER STUDENT



COUGARS ACHIEVING THROUGH SERVICE (CATS)



HOUR LOG

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Date	Hours	Community Organization or Event	Supervisor's Signature & Title (Non-Family Member)	Supervisor's Phone

Total Hours _____

I certify that I have completed the documented community service hours as listed above.

Student Signature