

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 5th, 2024 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.) 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 5, 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

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PARENT TEACHER STUDENT

