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## Volunteer Hours

When you enrolled your student at Willow Creek you signed a contract to volunteer a minimum of 50 hours per year (70 for families with two children, 90 for families with three or more).

We require this because educational research indicates that parental involvement is the single most important component of helping a child attain academic success. Some studies show parental involvement actually is twice as predictive of student success as socio-economic status!. In addition to this positive effect on students, parents find that their participation helps create a caring, supportive community within the school.



There are many ways you can fulfill your volunteer hours -- from working in the classroom (for parents who are available during the school day) to assisting with fundraising events, gardening days, Willow Creek Foundation events, our lapathon, etc. But please feel free to be creative... if you have a skill you think you can use to benefit Willow Creek, talk your child's teacher, or with our administrators, and pitch your idea! Volunteer hours don't need to be painful ... and parents always seem to more easily fulfill their volunteer obligations when they're doing work they enjoy and find meaningful.

Please track your volunteer hours using the online form you'll find [here](#), which feeds automatically into our tracking database and will generate an email receipt. We strongly encourage parents to input their own volunteer hours, but parents who do not use computers are welcome to fill out a hard copy of the form, which is available in the office.