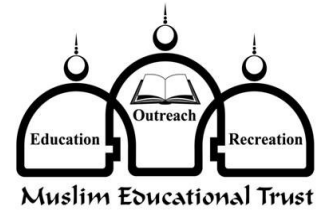


Oregon Islamic Academy (OIA)

Community Service Learning Program & Student Volunteering Hours



Mission

Community Service is an integral part of what it means to be a student at Oregon Islamic Academy (OIA). Students are encouraged to integrate service into their daily lives, to be aware of the world around them, and to make conscious efforts toward a lifelong commitment to community service.

Community Service Learning Opportunities:

OIA suggests that students complete 20 hours of service per year to reach the total 80 hours required to graduate from Oregon Islamic Academy. However, students may accumulate their 80 hours in varying amounts during their four years of high school.

The OIA Community Service Learning Program outlines different opportunities in which students can put their faith into action as contributing members of society through social awareness and advocacy, with special concern for the poor and disadvantaged.

There is ample opportunity for students to experience the joys and infinite rewards of community service both internally at school and at MET functions, or externally beyond MET. This section outlines some invaluable opportunities for students to volunteer and invest their time wisely both at MET and beyond.

Internally at MET:

A student may volunteer **not less than 20 hours** to help out internally at MET.

Opportunities available at School and at MET, that may be counted toward a student's volunteer hours include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Working at Dukani
- Providing support to the 'MET Goes Green' Campaign
- Working at the MET Library
- Working at the MET Weekend School
- Providing after-school tutoring
- Providing support at the MET monthly forums
- Serving food at the MET potlucks
- etc.

Externally outside MET:

In order to diversify and enrich each student's personal volunteering experience, s/he is required to complete **not less than 20 hours** volunteering outside of MET. The requirements are as follows:

- All activities must be completed outside of regular school hours.
- The student may not receive money or other compensation for the task - **A position has to be UNPAID for this experience to count toward a student's volunteer hours.**
- The student may not be receiving any other credit for the activity. These service hours should be above and beyond any required service.
- Chores at home do not count. Tutoring and babysitting younger sibling or family friends do NOT count.
- Service may not be minor acts of kindness (holding a door open, picking up litter, etc.)
- Service may not be provided at a family-owned business.
- Service may not include working for a PROFIT organization for free.
- Service may not include working for a political party, issue, or campaign.
- Service must not contradict the teachings of Islam.
- If training is required, half of the training hours may be counted as volunteer hours, not to exceed 5 hours.

Examples of opportunities available beyond MET that may count toward a student's volunteer hours include (but are not limited to) the following:

- ❖ Volunteering at Nursing homes or Hospitals
- ❖ Volunteering at Shelters, Soup Kitchens (Serving and/or preparing meals to homeless people)
- ❖ Volunteering at Animal Shelters, Animal Clinics, or the Humane Society
- ❖ Volunteering for community organizations, including Public Libraries, Parks, and Recreational Centers
- ❖ Helping out at a community Food Pantry
- ❖ Volunteering at a local Masjid
- ❖ Volunteering at Doctor's offices or Law offices
- ❖ Volunteering with Special Olympics
- ❖ Shoveling sidewalks/raking for the elderly (which may include a student's elderly grandparents)
- ❖ Beautifying community property
- ❖ Tutoring young children
- ❖ Coaching a children's sports team
- ❖ Participating in a clean-up activity
- ❖ Other service activities as approved by the MET Office

If a student would like to complete an activity not on the list, a request must be submitted in writing to the MET Office for approval. Please submit these requests in advance to allow ample time for review and approval.

Tracking Volunteer Hours:

Internal MET Volunteer Opportunities:

Student Volunteers: Please have your supervising MET Faculty Member fill out and sign the ***OIA Community Service Learning Log - Verification of Service Form 1: Student Volunteer Hour Tracking at MET***. It is your responsibility to bring the completed, signed form to the MET Office ON TIME BY THE ASSIGNED DUE DATE, where it will be filed in your student folder.

External outside-MET Volunteer Opportunities:

Student Volunteers: Please have your supervisor at the place you volunteer fill out and sign the ***OIA Community Service Learning Log - Verification of Service Form 2: Student Volunteer Hour Tracking***. It is your responsibility to bring the completed, signed form to the MET Office ON TIME BY THE ASSIGNED DUE DATE, where it will be filed in your student folder.

It is a good idea for each student to keep track of his/her to-date volunteer hours that have been rendered thus far, to ensure the completion of the 80-hour volunteerism requirement to graduate from Oregon Islamic Academy.

Questions: Please call or visit the MET Office any time, or contact any of the OIA Honor Society Faculty Council.

Attachments:

1. *OIA Community Service Learning Log - Verification of Service Form 1: Student Volunteer Hour Tracking at MET (INSIDE HOURS LOG)*
2. *OIA Community Service Learning Log - Verification of Service Form 2: Student Volunteer Hour Tracking beyond MET (OUTSIDE HOURS LOG)*
3. *OIA Student Absence and Tardy Log (NEW in 2025-2026)*