To all EPI Students and Parents:

The EPI career academy requires that all students complete 50 community service hours (CSH) to receive their EPI Diploma upon graduation. Students must complete ten hours the sophomore year with the emphasis volunteering with environmental organizations (students may begin their ten hours during their freshman year if they are in an EPI class), and twenty hours for the junior and senior years.

Community service is an important tool to help the students grow as individuals as well as in our community. Our hope is that your community service hours will balance the emphasis on academic achievement, with experiences that benefit others who need help, and the student. It is also an important component of the El Camino ESLR’s.

Service means contributing to your community (off campus) to make life better for others, especially the disadvantaged. Service neither seeks nor accepts payment of any kind. Service can include planting trees, cleaning up the river or creeks, volunteering at elementary schools, or building houses for the poor, etc.

Requirements:

$ Community service hours must be completed by the end of April of each school year.
$ Maximum of three organizations per year.
$ Hours must be logged accurately and neatly on the record sheet. Include a signature by the supervisor and attach a business card or flyer from the organization/event. You may also obtain a formal letter thanking you for your service on letterhead of the organization.
$ You may not earn money or class credit for your hours. For example, the American Government class assignment will not count for EPI community service.
$ All hours must be completed at community organizations, and not for an individual. If you are not sure if an organization will work please talk with Mr. Markley (Freshmen), Mr. Santillanes (Sophomores), Mrs. Dixon (Juniors), Mr. Cadenhead (Seniors), and/or Mrs. Riggs.
$ Freshmen and Sophomore class hours must be completed at Environmental Organizations, and be environmentally/ecologically/biologically-based.
$ Junior and Senior students can accrue hours from June to May 1.
$ Freshmen and Sophomores can accrue hours September to May 1.

Important: Make a copy of the completed CSH forms/documentation for your records.