

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & COMMUNITY SERVICE POLICY

The purpose of the academic standards and community service policies and requirements is to ensure the success of all students at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School (MLWGS), and to provide support for those students experiencing difficulty. To be in "**good standing**" the student must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) achieve a grade point average of 2.0 or greater at the end of each school year;
- 2) fail no more than one course per year based upon final course grade;
- 3) exercise ethical academic behaviors in line with high standards of character;
- 4) have completed, or have an approved plan in place to complete, at least the minimum number of eligible community service hours recommended in the guidelines for their grade level; and
- 5) have an approved plan in place to complete the graduation requirements for the MLWGS Advanced Studies Diploma in four years at MLWGS.

Note: Additional requirements may be set by the participating school divisions including but not limited to the availability of funding and continuous review of progress, e.g., grades, attendance, and behavior.

Graduation Requirements for the MLWGS Advanced Studies Diploma include 1 unit of Community Service. Students must complete and document a minimum of 140 hours in 4 years. No more than 70 community service hours completed at MLWGS will count toward the minimum requirements (i.e. "eligible hours"), with a cap of 35 hours per activity, per school year, although all hours (i.e. "total hours") will be shown on the final transcript. Students enrolled at MLWGS prior to the adoption of this updated policy may ask for flexibility from the executive director with regard to the number of hours that must be performed off-site. Students must have completed, submitted, and verified at least the following number of eligible hours at the end of each grade level: (1) freshmen - 35 hours, (2) sophomores - 70 hours, (3) juniors - 105 hours, and (4) seniors — 140 hours by the end of the third quarter of their graduation year. Diplomas of seniors not completing their community service requirement will not be eligible for the Governor's School designation.

A review of each student's overall progress is made at the end of each semester. A student who does not meet all of the criteria above are placed in the Academic and/or Community Service Intervention Process. If the student still does not meet all of the above criteria within the next semester, a recommendation will be made to the home school division superintendent that the student returns to their home school division.

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