

YOUTH EXPANDING SERVICE

Y.E.S. Program

Application and Contract

Welcome to the Elkins High School Y.E.S. Program. This program was initiated at Clements High School in 1996 and has expanded to other FBISD high schools. Students who satisfactorily meet the requirements for the program will be recognized at Senior Awards Night and will receive a medal to be worn at commencement.

One of the distinctive characteristics of the United States is our conviction that each individual can make a difference through volunteer service. This assurance is reflected in the recent trend of colleges and universities requesting, and in some cases, requiring community service involvement as one of the criteria for admission. The Y.E.S. Program provides Elkins students with the opportunity to get involved through voluntary service at the local level and to make a difference in their own neighborhoods and communities.

Y.E.S works as follows: In order to be recognized, students must serve a total of 100 hours over the course of their four years in high school. Participation is voluntary and students may not be paid for any service they perform. The required hours must meet all the guidelines in effect at the time the student enters ninth grade.

The guidelines and service documentation forms may be downloaded from the Elkins website: www.fortbendisd.com, click on **Campuses >Elkins >Services where you will find the link for Y.E.S.** The Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce website, www.ftbendcc.org, lists many community service opportunities. Others may be available at the Y.E.S. table during lunch twice weekly. However, as long as the activity meets the guidelines, it may count for Y.E.S. hours. Any questions should be addressed to **Braiyn Sands**. Prior approval is suggested to eliminate the possibility that a particular activity will not count.

All service must be documented on the Y.E.S. Service Documentation form. The form must be filled out completely and signed by a representative of the organization. Service hours performed during the school year should be turned in within one week of completion of the project. Summer hours must be turned in by **September 1st**. Only on-going hours may be turned in at the end of the year and must be accompanied by an appropriate log of the dates and times of when the student performed the service. All graduating seniors must submit their hours by **April 30th**. Falsification of documentation will result in removal from the program. **Student should keep copies of all documentation submitted to Y.E.S. for their own records.**

Questions about Y.E.S. should be addressed to Braiyn Sands: Braiyn.Sands@fortbendisd.com

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I understand that to fulfill the requirements of the Y.E.S. Program, I must complete the required hours before the end of my senior year. I further understand that I must submit documentation to the Y.E.S. Program office.

Student name (Print) _____ ID# _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Student Signature _____ Graduation year _____
Parent Signature _____