

L.I.F.E. Program

Guidelines and Requirements

The L.I.F.E. (Lives Impacted for Eternity) Program is an important service-learning program and one of the primary pillars at Shannon Forest Christian School. L.I.F.E. is used to train our students in the core values of Shannon Forest Christian School as well as being a graduation requirement. At Shannon Forest Christian School (SFCS), our goal is to **nurture a desire** in our students to reach the world around them for Christ. The final component of our mission statement says that we strive to **"equip and challenge students to influence culture and society for Jesus Christ."** We believe in order to better assist our students, it is necessary to **first present them with knowledge** about the places throughout the world where God's word is being shared and then to **provide them opportunities to participate** in that mission. SFCS hopes to inspire students and their families to view service not as an event, but as **a way of L.I.F.E.** Because it is a promotion/graduation requirement, all students are required to participate.

CONNECT PROGRAM

Grades K5-5

1. Partnered with a Shannon Forest Presbyterian Church sponsored missionary
2. Students involved in helping in planning and implementation of the program in their own classrooms
3. Explore the culture of country where missionary is stationed through art, music, creative writing
4. Partner with upper classmen in cooperative initiatives in the community

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Grade 6

1. Partnered with Gardens at Eastside, an assisted living facility on Roper Mountain Extension
2. Relationship building with the elder partners
3. Participate in skill building activities and ministry opportunities with the elder partners
4. Write, edit, publish at hardback book based on the information gathered

IMPACT PROGRAM

Grades 7-12

1. Partnered with local non-profit organizations
2. Student involvement in planning, problem solving and evaluation of the program
3. Focus on cooperation with other schools and churches in impacting the community
4. Explore and pursue involvement in international and national opportunities to impact the world
5. Mentoring of younger students

The minimum number of hours per grade per year are:**

Seventh Grade – 22 hours (20 service day hours + 2 on their own)

Eighth Grade – 24 hours (20 service day hours + 4 on their own)

Freshman – 26 hours (20 service day hours + 6 on their own)

Sophomore - 28 hours (20 service day hours + 8 on their own)

Junior - 30 hours (20 service day hours + 10 on their own)

Senior - 32 hours (20 service day hours + 12 on their own)

**** Allowances will be made for transfer students**

Students will participate in four (4) school service days during the school year for a total of twenty (20) hours. The remaining of the hours required each year are the responsibility of the student. Students will need to complete the remaining number of service hours at an approved non-profit agency (A list is available on the school website under the Service Tab or from the Office of the Service-Learning Coordinator). Students may also choose his or her own agency and/or project with prior approval from the Service-Learning Coordinator. Services for which a student is paid may not be counted.

Students will not be limited to the minimum requirements per school year. Service hours can be accumulated from 7th grade through the 12th grade and at graduation special recognition will be given to those who have excelled in this area.

300 hours of L.I.F.E. service will receive a silver cord to be worn at graduation

Service hours completed during the summer will be applied to the upcoming school year, not the previous year. All student transcripts will indicate the number of service hours completed.

Note: Service hours for students in classes graduating in 2011, 2012 and 2013 will be pro-rated to due the “newness” of the program. (Graduates in 2011 must have a total of 52 hours, graduates in 2012 must have a total of 82 hours and graduates in 2013 must have a total of 104 hours).

I have read and understand the L.I.F.E. requirements for the school year 2011-2012 at SFCS

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date