

PURPOSE: To allow work services to rotate midway through the year.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SENATE:

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Students are given a work service at the very beginning of the year and are expected to do them throughout the year. For some, this is easy and takes virtually no time. For others, it forces them to change their entire afternoon plans. This bill seeks to fix this issue. We propose that after the first semester, all students will be given a new work service. This will help to take the stress off of some students and provide a more fair and just system to which work service can be completed. Three Frazer Hall Residents were surveyed. In response to the question, “If you were allowed to rank your top desired work service locations and receive an admin-selected assignment based on those preferences, would you use the system?” All of them responded affirmatively.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

WORK SERVICE

The school is a community of people sharing common ideas and goals, and students contributing to the betterment of the school enhance this community spirit. The time each week a student contributes to the school community benefits everyone. Residential hall work service should be completed within the hours of 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday except for study hours (unless a student is excused from study hours by his/her privilege plan) and consists of custodial and non-custodial tasks. The work is important to the overall upkeep and functioning of the school, and the quality of the work done by the students exemplifies their pride in their school. The school considers work service an obligation accepted by the students as a condition of maintaining their status with the school. Students must fulfill this obligation each week and can make alternate arrangements when on a field trip, sick, or on extended weekends by rescheduling work with their supervisors. Students who miss work service because of a school or extracurricular event can make up the work service they missed on Saturday or Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. except for study hours on Sunday (unless a student is excused from study hours by his/her privilege plan.) Students are responsible for contacting teachers, their mental/research supervisors, and work service supervisor prior to a field trip absence. Students must fulfill this obligation personally, punctually and adequately. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

A work service grade will be assigned and reported on quarterly grade reports. Work service grades can be entered each week and are required to be entered at least four (4) times in a nine-

week grading period. Work service supervisors will provide students with feedback on performance as needed. This grade is not used in calculating GPA; however, it is taken into consideration when assigning privileges and extending the invitation to return. A student who fails to complete work service for a 9-week grading period will be ineligible for privileges for the next 9- week grading period. A student who completes the school year with make-up hours due must complete that obligation before an invitation to return is extended or before a diploma is issued.

After each semester, students cleaning dorms will be assigned a new work service position. After each quarter, students cleaning Hooper and Shackelford will be assigned a new work service position. This assignment will be determined through the same method by which students' original work service was chosen, with the exception of teacher assistants and IT work service students, whose positions will remain unchanged.

Schedules and hours will be adjusted according to the new work service assignment. Students will be able to rank their preferred work service locations (e.g., Hooper, Shackelford, and Frazer).