

Clara Driscoll Middle School



What is Defenders in Service?

Defenders in Service is a program designed to encourage students to volunteer in their community. Volunteering is a wonderful way to not only help others, but to increase one's own experiences. Defenders in Service is a great way to learn, meet new friends, gain unique experiences and make a positive impact in our world.

DMS encourages students to become life-long learners, and Defenders in Service provides students an opportunity to experience the world outside the classroom and develop positive patterns in helping others.

Our goal is to have every student volunteer for a minimum of ten hours. DMS students completing the 10 hours will also receive a certificate at the end of the year.

Who is eligible?

All students are eligible.

What will count as service hours?

- Activities benefiting our neighborhood, community and world
- Volunteering at church
- Activities in support of the Driscoll MS PTA and Defender in Service events
- Visiting nursing homes to work with seniors
- Activities pre-approved by the Driscoll principal including recycling and watering plants around the school

What will NOT count as service hours?

- Activities done as part of/or result in fundraising of any type or kind
- Court-mandated community service
- Donations of money or items exchanged for service hours
- Work completed during the school day
- Babysitting or pet sitting
- Chores or household activities
- Helping a parent with his or her job
- Helping or assisting a for-profit activity, event or organization

How are service hours tracked?

All volunteer hours are tracked through the Time Tracker on the web site.

Who can help with questions about Defenders in Service?

Contact the NJHS or Student Council Sponsors for eligible programs. Contact Mr. Nichols concerning problems with the Time Tracker form.