



Y.E.S. Program
Community Service Program and Contract



Dear Students,

Welcome to the Travis High School Y.E.S. (Youth Expanding Service) Program. This program was initiated at Clements High School in 1996-1997 and has expanded throughout the district. The program is sponsored by the William B. Travis Parent Volunteer Organization. As a senior graduate you will be awarded a certificate and a beautiful medal, which is worn with pride at graduation.

One of the distinctive characteristics of the United States is our conviction that each individual can make a difference through volunteer service. The Y.E.S. Program provides our 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.

The program works as follows: In order to be recognized, students must serve a required number of hours during their four years of high school. Participation is voluntary and **students may not be paid for any service they perform.** The required hours must be filled with only a **non-profit agency or an individual in need** (non-family members). Please see the Y.E.S. Guidelines for all the rules concerning what is and is not acceptable. If you have access to the internet, Travis has its own web page, the address is www.fortbendisid.com

When you reach that page, find campuses, Travis H.S., and then link to the Services. Y.E.S. is a part of the Clubs. There are copies of the form to take to your volunteer service, the guidelines, and this letter located in the Resources. You may also use the website www.volunteermatch.org to look for volunteer opportunities on your own. Other wise you may sign up for opportunities **Tuesdays** in the Commons during lunch. Only 25 summer hours, 25 school hours and 25 monetary donation hours can be credited to your required 100 hours. Participants are encouraged to be creative and diverse with their community involvement. It is advisable to choose more than one organization with which to volunteer.

Prior to the service, the student should print a Y.E.S. form from the Travis website. At the completion of the service, **the form should be completed by the student and signed by the appropriate person with the program or agency documenting the number of hours worked.** Then the student should drop off the completed form to the parents in the commons on **Tuesdays**. **Students must turn in their hours upon completion of the project or service.** Only **on-going hours** may be turned in **at the end of each month.** If the student does his/her service on **multiple days, a weekly or monthly basis,** he/she must **turn in a sign-in-sheet (or log).** **Students must keep a copy of this documentation for their records. If at any time during this process, a student has falsified documentation, his/her name will be automatically removed from this program.**

We are very excited about the Y.E.S. program and hope that you will choose to be part of it. If you have any questions, please ask at the Y.E.S. table in the commons on **Tuesdays** or E-mail Mrs. Radhika Sharma (parent volunteer) at asharma9@hotmail.com or Mrs. Christine Jinks (Faculty sponsor) at christine.jinks@fortbendisid.com. Please return this form to the Y.E.S. volunteers in the commons on Tuesdays. Do **not** turn in at the front office!

I understand that to fulfill the requirements for community service and to receive the Y.E.S. medal, I must complete the required hours before April 1st of my senior year. I further understand that I must submit documentation to the Y.E.S. program volunteers or sponsor. Directions to get total number of hours can be found on the Y.E.S. web site.

Student Name (print) _____ ID# _____

Phone# _____ E-mail _____

Student Signature _____ Graduating Year _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____