

The Dux Esto Program

A Program of Apostolic Outreach in the Marianist Spirit
Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School – Archdiocese of Omaha

“Preach the faith first of all by your lives.”

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

“Action is more important than theory.”

Blessed Jakob Gapp SM

Committed to developing Christian leaders in the Marianist tradition, Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School provides a program of apostolic outreach that seeks to educate all students for service, justice and peace through the offering of their time, talent and treasure in service of God and their neighbor.

Recognizing the importance of our own baptismal call and embracing the invitation and challenge of Blessed Chaminade that, “We are all missionaries.”; the Theology Department and Campus Ministry Program at Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School, will seek to engage and guide each student-member of the Cougar family in the proclamation of the Good News through this program of charitable service.

This program will expect each individual to offer a total of :

20 hours of charitable service during their freshmen year;

25 hours of charitable service during their sophomore year;

30 hours of charitable service during their junior year;

the Jr. service retreat will count for 5 hrs.

35 hours of charitable service during their senior year.

the senior Social Justice practicum will count for 10 hours

A percentage of these hours will be offered every year in service of:

home parish – 4 hrs. minimum

*(work at parish festival/Bazaar; serve as a liturgical minister, Church cleaning)

wider Church – 4 hrs. minimum

*(another parish, any Archdiocesan entity, any parochial school, Kof C's)

Gross Catholic – 4 hrs. minimum

*(work-study hours / service for extra-curricular organizations are NOT applicable)

local community – 4 hrs. minimum

*(this work is restricted to a non-profit charitable organization or cause)

(* = examples of possible service opportunities)

**Remaining hours may be completed in any of the above-mentioned categories.
All apostolic activity is to be offered in service of a non-profit organization/institution.**

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

To promote the ideal that apostolic outreach is a constant pursuit and not a seasonal obligation in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ, students are expected to offer their service throughout the course of the year. In light of this goal, and in an attempt to encourage the virtues of prudence and temperance in the lives of our students, the following parameters are offered.

- Charitable service hours for the current year may begin any time after the last day of the previous academic year with a maximum of **10** hours being offered during the summer.
- A maximum of **3** hours per event will be allowed without the prior approval of the program director.
Expected participation in junior service retreats (5 hrs.) and senior social justice practicum (10 hrs.) are exempt from this stipulation.
- With the exception of charitable service performed during the summer, all verification sheets are to be submitted within two (2) weeks of completion of the service. Failure to comply with the two (2) week grace period will render credit for the service null and void.
- **All charitable service and verification sheets for the current academic year will be completed on or before the Monday after Celebration of the current school year.**
- **Someone other than a parent of the student is to act as the adult supervisor for charitable service. Neither parent can sign the verification sheet as "adult supervisor" for the charitable activity.**
- If any underclassman fails to meet the expectations of this program, credits for the current theology class will be withheld until all expectations of the program are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the program director.
- **If any student fails to meet the expectations of this program during their senior year, they will not receive their diploma and transcripts will not be released.**
- Students who enroll during the academic year will have their expected hours of participation pro-rated.
- Foreign-exchange students who attend Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School will be encouraged to participate in the Dux Esto Program but will not be penalized should they fail to successfully complete the expectations of the program.

THE PROCESS

- To receive credit for participation in an approved apostolic activity a student is to complete a Dux Esto Activity Report sheet. Dux Esto Activity Report sheets may be obtained from the school's main office, the Campus Ministry office, and/or the Chaplain's office. Dux Esto Activity Report sheets may also be obtained from Ed-Line.
- Having completed an apostolic activity and the Dux Esto Activity Report sheet, the student is to submit the completed form to the Dux Esto Activity Report receptacle located in the main office of the school.
- Should a student or parent have any questions regarding the process they should contact the Program Director by telephoning 734-2000 ext. 110.

