

2026-2027 Mercy in Action: Quick Reference Guide

- ★ **Mount de Sales Academy requires all students in grades 9-12 to participate in our service learning program, Mercy in Action.**
- ★ **20 hours of service** will be completed outside of the classroom/ independent of school activities. Students are responsible for arranging their own service opportunities. During the school year, MDS will notify students as opportunities arise; however, the school is not responsible for meeting the needs of all students.
- ★ At the conclusion of the school year, all students will have completed a minimum of 20 Mercy In Action hours.
- ★ **Students are encouraged to earn more than the minimum required and to enter all service activities into Mobile Serve** (access to Mobile Serve is available online, and through applications on the school iPad and other mobile devices. Students are encouraged to enter hours immediately after the service activity. New Upper School Cavaliers will be enrolled in Mobile Serve by their Theology teacher at the start of the school year.
- ★ **All hours must be uploaded to student accounts on Mobile Serve, verified by a volunteer supervisor, and approved by a member of the MDS Theology department.** (Students new to the MDS Upper School will create accounts in August. Please keep a record of dates, hours, and contact information for upload.
- ★ **All hours must be verified by someone who is NOT a parent and approved by a Theology teacher during the school year.** Verification on Mobile Serve requires the supervisor's name and email; location and name of the organization, student responses to 2 prompt topics, and TWO or more of the following: supervisor signature, geo-location, and photographs of the service event.
- ★ **Student Volunteer Hours Check Dates: 10 hours due by December 8, 2026, and 10 hours due by April 15, 2027 (this date may be accelerated for Seniors)**
- ★ Service hour requirements for each semester must be met at exam time and will count as a percentage of their Theology exam grades. Students cannot be exempt from the Theology final exam project.
- ★ **All hours can be earned throughout the summer break and applied at that time. Students do not need to earn additional hours during the Easter Semester if all hours are completed and submitted for the December 6th hour check.**

Website to log and document service hours: www.mobileserve.org

Student login is the same as all MDS accounts; log in through their MDS Google account (MDS##### and password). Students new to MDS Upper School will be enrolled in Mobile Serve by their Theology teacher at the start of the school year.

If you have questions, please contact Kim Andrews- kim.andrews@mountdesales.net