

SET YOURSELF APART FROM THE CROWD.

Stand out on college and employment applications!

- TRUSTWORTHINESS
- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- FAIRNESS
- CARING
- CITIZENSHIP



Exhibiting the Pillars of Character is an excellent way to reach your personal goals. However, to really set yourself apart, earning the Character Counts! SuCCess Award will demonstrate to potential colleges and/or employers that you have mastered the meaning of each pillar and have proven yourself to be a person of model character.

“ The content of your **character** is your **choice**. Day by day, what you **choose**, what you **think** and what you **do** is who you **become**. ”

- Heraclitus



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CHARACTER COUNTS!

SuCCess Award



Offered through the Character Counts! Coalition of Oswego and Montgomery

Available to 6th – 12th Grade Students in District 308

HOW IT WORKS

Beginning in 6th grade, SD308 students may begin work on earning the Character Counts! SuCCess Award. This award is earned by completing the Six Pillar Awards, one for each Pillar of Character.

For each Pillar Award students are required to complete the following:



READ

a book from the approved list which pertains specifically to the Pillar the student is working on.



WATCH

a movie from the approved list which pertains specifically to the Pillar the student is working on.



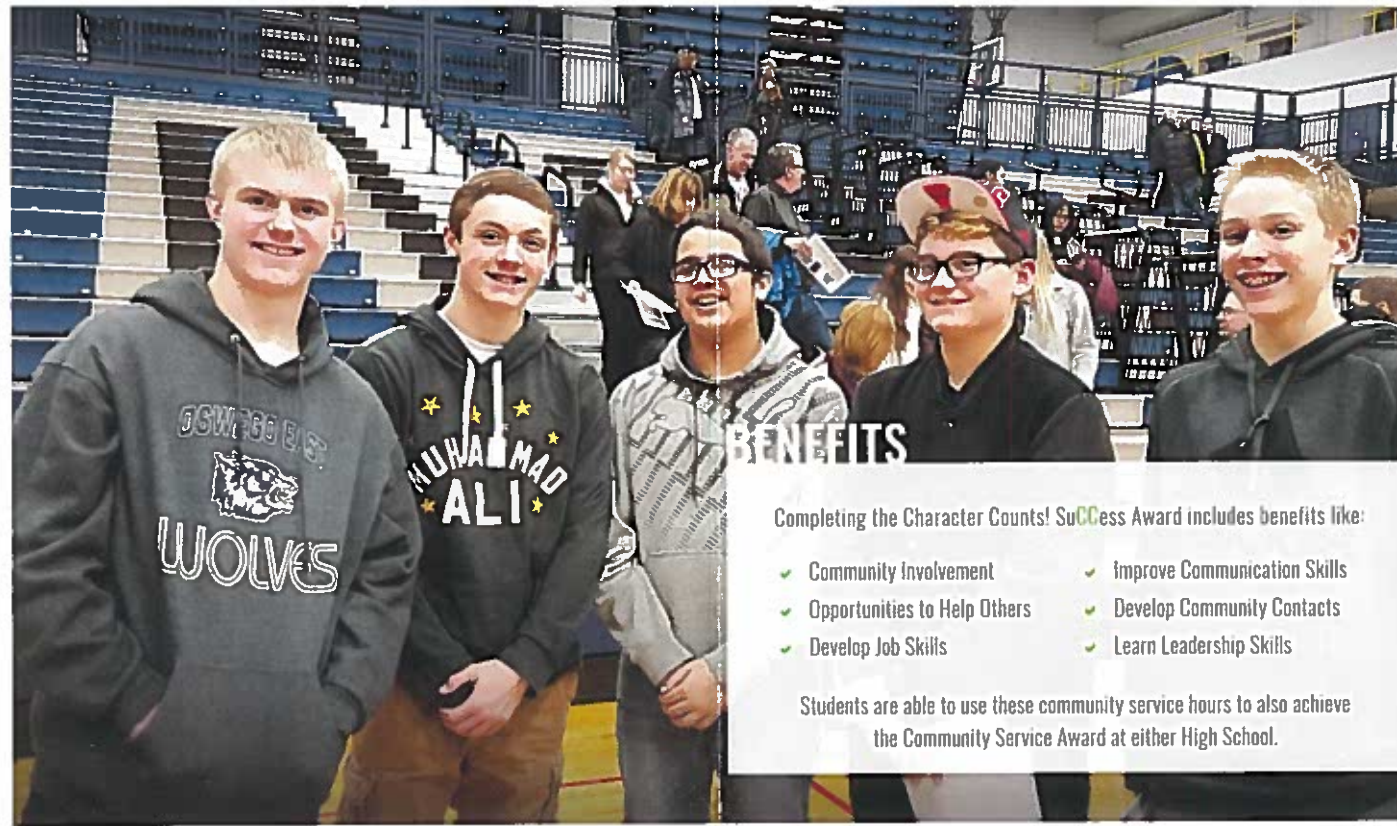
SERVE

25 hours of community service related to the Pillar. These can be from the list of approved businesses or agencies or, with approval, a site that the student finds him or herself. Students are required to have Service Hour forms completed and signed by the site manager. These forms can be accessed through the link on our website. There are separate ones for each high school and the junior high schools. Students also need to be familiar with the guidelines for what qualifies as Community Service; this can be found on the website.



WRITE

a cumulative paper encompassing the student's experiences, following the rubric provided on the website. Then email completed documents to charactercountssd308@gmail.com



BENEFITS

Completing the Character Counts! SuCCess Award includes benefits like:

- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ Improve Communication Skills
- ✓ Opportunities to Help Others
- ✓ Develop Community Contacts
- ✓ Develop Job Skills
- ✓ Learn Leadership Skills

Students are able to use these community service hours to also achieve the Community Service Award at either High School.

THEN WHAT?

Once you complete the work for a Pillar, you can submit it to:
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Your work will be reviewed in a timely manner and you will be notified if the criteria has been met or if further information is required.



Upon completion of each Pillar, students will be awarded a certificate of completion at a Character Counts! Coalition meeting. When students earn all 6 Pillar awards, they will receive the Character Counts! SuCCess Award at an Oswego Village Board meeting and will also receive special recognition and a cord to wear at their high school graduation.

GETTING STARTED

Pick a Pillar to start with and go to:
charactercountssd308.org



FIND

most of the materials in your school's LRC or you can look at the public library.



DISCUSS

your movie and book selections with a parent or guardian.



QUESTIONS

email the Character Counts! Coalition with any questions:
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