Q: What IS Service Learning?
Service learning is “a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities” (Learn and Serve America National Service Learning Clearinghouse). At Quest ECHS, students serve the community on Fridays by volunteering at local businesses, schools, and recreational centers. Students also participate in seasonal service projects on campus and support district initiatives such as the Greater Lake Houston Heart Walk.

Q: How are students graded?
Students’ grades will be based on their attendance, attire, attitude, dependability, and work quality at their service sites. Throughout the school year, community partners will complete forms that evaluate students in each of these areas. Students will also complete reflection assignments for a grade and participate in small group problem solving sessions to address issues or concerns that may arise on volunteer days.

Q: Can a student change service sites?
No. Once students receive their service site assignments for the school year, they cannot change locations. Placing hundreds of students at service sites requires a great deal of time and planning. Last minute changes impact bus schedules, lunch site selections, and the time and availability of our community partners.

Q: What Should Students Wear?
Students must wear their Quest ECHS service learning t-shirts and blue or black jeans. NO DISTRESSED JEANS, SHORTS, LEGGINGS, OR TIGHTS. Students should also wear closed toe shoes and be clean shaven/properly groomed according to Humble ISD’s dress code policy.

Service sites are NO PHONE ZONES. Students should not talk, text, or listen to music while volunteering.

Q: How were the service sites chosen?
Students filled out an online registration form listing their top 10 preferences for service sites. If a community partner sent an email requesting a particular student, these requests received first priority. Once the number of student requests exceeded the number of available spots at a site, students were placed according to the remaining choices on their list of site preferences.

Q: Can students walk home from their service sites?
No. Students must board the buses from their service sites to go to lunch. Any student who leaves a service site on foot or by car without a note from the attendance office will be marked truant and receive disciplinary action.

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.
--Douglas Adams