

Functional School Activities

- Recycle aluminum cans, newspapers, plastic bags, or ledger paper
- Plant and maintain a garden on school grounds
- Work at the school store by selling merchandise, inventorying, or restocking items
- Do laundry for the home economics classes, sports teams, clinic, cafeteria, or art class
- Sanitize toys for the preschool class
- Check parking decals in the school parking lot and issue tickets for violations
- Clip coupons, organize by category, and leave in the teacher's lounge for coupon exchange
- Conduct a school car wash, wash drivers education cars, or clean school buses
- Wash blackboards and desks in various classrooms
- Make paper/stationary and sell it to raise school funds
- Make and sell treats for staff/students to raise school funds
- Put air in balls, clean, and maintain sports equipment for P.E. classes
- Water plants around the school building
- Raise and lower the flag
- Sort washed silverware in the cafeteria or wash tables
- Serve on the safety patrol or perform bus duty
- Deliver milk, snacks, and /or lunch to the Kindergarten and preschool classes
- Reshelve books and dust in the library
- Fill the soda and snack machines in the teachers lounge
- Hang up and take down flyers announcing school events
- Complete laminating and copying services for teachers
- Sort incoming mail into staff mailboxes
- Deliver mail and newspapers to teachers
- Collect student attendance
- Complete "litter pick-up" around school grounds
- Put labels on envelopes for report cards
- Collate and staple the school newsletter
- Conduct food preparation in home economics class
- Read to young children
- Sharpen pencils for students at the beginning of class
- Work the lights or pull the curtains for assemblies in the auditorium

- Set up chairs for meetings and other events
- Serve on hospitality committee that greets people, prepares name tags and makes food for school meetings and functions
- Collect Campbell's soup labels, pet food labels, and Betty Crocker labels to redeem for merchandise for the school and other organizations
- Stamp papers for teachers to use in home/school correspondence
- Change the letters on the announcement board outside the school
- Sell drinks at a concession stand at the sports games
- Sell tickets for the school dance, sports games, or the musical
- Play music for the school dance
- Manage props and costumes for the school drama production
- Decorate the gym or cafeteria for the prom
- Design and post flyers to elect a classmate for student council

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