

COMMUNITY SERVICE SEAL

(A School Board program of student recognition honoring those who have given of themselves for the improvement of the community.)

Community Service Seal shall be affixed to a student's diploma if the following criteria are met:

- One hundred forty-four (144) hours of community service is performed by the student during the high school career.
- Verification is made by a supervising adult on all activities on an official "Community Service Log".

Examples of community service which WILL COUNT toward the requirements are:

- Participation in any service project conducted by a service organization such as Scouts, 4-H, Key club, church, ect.
- Participation in a community service event such as Walk-a-Thon, Jump Rope for Heart, or other fund-raising events held for the good of the community.
- Personal projects which benefit a member of the community or the community at large such as helping an invalid or elderly person (not a relative) with household chores, visitation to a nursing home or other facility to perform services for a resident, volunteer work in a community institution (library, hospital, etc.), tutoring younger students on a regular basis, or similar projects to benefit others.

Examples of activities, which WILL NOT COUNT toward the requirement, are:

- Membership in service organization (without participating in service activities).
- Participation in any activity for which an individual receives compensation.
- Service as a teacher's aide during school time.
- Membership in the school band sports team or drama production. (These activities are highly encouraged for personal gain and experience, but do not qualify as community service.)
- Court-ordered community service or school-ordered service.

While it is impossible to list all examples, it is generally understood that community service recognition is for participation in the community for the express purpose of helping others.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE EARNED THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SEAL WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT GRADUATION AND HAVE THE DESIGNATED SEAL AFFIXED TO THEIR DIPLOMA.

BEGINNING WITH THE CLASS OF 2002 AND BEYOND
144 VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE REQUIRED

