

# **Community/School Service Graduation Ceremony Requirements 2023-2024**

This policy was put in place to encourage more students to get involved in school activities outside of school hours and to develop a sense of pride in our community through service. I have had several questions regarding this so I hope this information will answer any questions you may have. Below are the prorated hour requirements for each graduating class. There is not an annual number of hours that are needed. Service hours will accumulate throughout the student's career. These hours must be complete by the time a student graduates.

All student service hour opportunities will be provided by the school and no outside service hours will be accepted unless prior approval is given. All service hours will be approved and recorded by a DTHS staff member and logged/tracked by the Principal. Students will be provided with quarterly updates on how many hours they have accumulated. Below are examples of both school and service hours. This list will expand as more opportunities arise. If there are local businesses or organizations that are in need of volunteers, please have them reach out to me and I will consider the request.

## **School Service Hour Examples**

- Working DTHS concession stands & 50/50s at athletic events (organized by head coaches, club, class & organization sponsors)
- Homecoming float building/hallway decorating
- Homecoming TP cleanup
- Campus trash pick up
- Tutoring DTHS or DCS students
- Other opportunities organized by the school

## **Community Service Hour Examples**

- Multiple Harvest Days opportunities (organized by the Class Sponsor)
- Adopt-a-Highway trash pick up
- Park clean ups
- Other opportunities organized by the school/clubs/organizations

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone (815-584-6201) or by email ([pittenga@dwight.k12.il.us](mailto:pittenga@dwight.k12.il.us)).

Please note, these hours are not a graduation requirement but will be a graduation ceremony requirement. Students who do not meet the requirement will receive a diploma, but will not participate in the graduation ceremony.

### **Class of 2024**

Community Hours: 12.5

School Hours: 10

### **Class of 2025**

Community Hours: 18.75

School Hours: 15

### **Class of 2026**

Community Hours: 25

School Hours: 20

### **Class of 2027**

Community Hours: 25

School Hours: 20