

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION
2023-24

Dripping Springs High School students are encouraged to become involved in their community to help develop their social skills, gain valuable work experience, and contribute to the betterment of their community. Community service hours are also considered for acceptance into many colleges and universities in Texas and throughout the nation.

Community Service hours are given to those services completed **outside** of the normal school day.

Hours for donations **will not** be accepted.

There will be some DSHS clubs and organizations that will give hours for donated items. However, those earning the Principal's Service Award will not receive hours for those donations given.

Students should request an official certificate or letter from each organization for which they volunteer. The certificate or letter should include the following information:

- Organization Name (i.e. Dripping Springs Community Library)
- Work Completed by Student (i.e. shelved books, set up displays, etc....)
- Dates Student Volunteered
- Number of Volunteer Hours Completed by Student
- Signature of Organization Sponsor

A copy of the Community Service Cover Sheet (which is available online or in the guidance center) should be completed and attached to all official copies of certificates or letters that they have received for their volunteer hours.

All service hours should be submitted to Mrs. Van Every in the guidance office to receive official credit.

Deadline for Community Service hours for Seniors is Friday April 19, 2024. Hours for Seniors will not be accepted after this date.

Students are not required to have a certain number of community service hours per school year; however, they must complete the required total number of hours by the deadline date of their senior year to receive the Principal's Volunteer Service Award.

The principal's Volunteer Service Award is a blue service cord that will be given to each graduating senior that has completed the required number of community service hours. This cord will be worn at their graduation ceremony. Community service is not mandatory for graduation.

Community Service hours required for each graduating class at DSHS is as follows:

- Class of 2024 Students will need 100 or more Community Service Hours to receive the Principal's Volunteer Service Award.
- Class of 2025 Students will need 150 or more Community Service Hours to receive the Principal's Volunteer Service Award.
- Class of 2026 Students will need 150 or more Community Service Hours to receive the Principal's Volunteer Service Award.
- Class of 2027 Students will need 150 or more Community Service Hours to receive the Principal's Volunteer Service Award.

**2023-2024
Dripping Springs High School
Community Service
Cover Sheet**

Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Attach only copies of all certificates and/or letters from each organization where you have volunteered. If you do not have an official certificate or letter, please contact the organization to request one.

DO NOT TURN IN ANY ORIGINAL COPIES TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

KEEP ALL ORIGINAL COPIES FOR YOUR RECORDS.

ENTER TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED: _____

(THE COPIES THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THIS COVER SHEET)

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