

DIPLOMA OF DISTINCTION

The eligibility criteria for a student to receive this diploma are as follows:

By the end of the 3rd quarter of the student's senior year the student must have completed **50 hours** of approved and documented community service and achieved a 2.60 or better cumulative grade point average.

The documentation is to be turned in with a log listing all community service activities and hours. Each community service activity must have the signature of the adult supervisor of the individual events/projects/service program. This documentation **MUST** be turned into the Guidance Office by the **LAST** day of the 3rd quarter of the student's senior year.

Community Service: WHAT COUNTS, WHAT DOESN'T

1. Students must perform volunteer services on their own time.
2. Students may not be paid for service rendered.
3. Volunteer service involving academic requirements for a class will not count.
4. Fundraising for non-profit organizations or charities will count.
5. Service may not be performed for a student's family or for a profit-making organization, except for institutions like hospitals, nursing homes, or the humane society without prior permission from the Guidance Department.
6. Service performed as a result of disciplinary action taken by the school or courts cannot count.

Examples of community service:

- Organize a local park clean-up
- Assist an elderly family member or friend with house-work or yard-work (permission required)
- Engage in church related or youth group activities that involve community service projects
- Collecting food for a local food bank
- Volunteer services at local schools, the humane society, and hospitals
- Tutor students younger than yourself
- Organize a community based fundraiser such as a toy or clothing drive
- Boy Scout or Girl Scout sponsored service projects

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL HOURS AND THE DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THESE HOURS. This DOCUMENTATION is due BEFORE the end of the 3rd quarter of the student's SENIOR YEAR!