

DHS COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

This community service program is for all grade levels at DHS. Hours will accumulate over the years at DHS and recognition will be given at graduation with an honors cord to be worn and students name in graduation program.

The program started in 2005/2006. Each year, students need to perform 15 hours of community service to be honored at their graduation. All classes will be required to accumulate 60 hours of community service over the course of their time at Decatur High School. Hours may be accumulated from one activity or combined activities. Recognition will be given to seniors via identification in the graduation program and a special cord to be worn with graduation regalia.

Definition of Community Service

Community Service is defined as volunteer services provided for or through a non-profit, governmental or community organization that helps the organization or the individuals, groups, or community that the organization serves. Community service may include helping an individual or a family in our community to meet a specific need even though this opportunity was not identified through a formal organization. This type of service will be approved on individual merit. A community service activity must conform to the following guidelines.

- It must be performed without compensation to the student. Neither paid work nor Court-ordered community service will not be accepted.
- It must benefit at least one person other than the student or the students relative(s).
- It must not be associated with proselytizing.

Approved Service Opportunities

While there are many community service opportunities, some suggestions are: DHS teacher-approved Community Service Projects; volunteer for City of Decatur events, local food banks or soup kitchens, Our House, Habitat for Humanity, Hands on Atlanta, local playhouses, helping register voters, arranging rides to the polls, or service activities sponsored by church or scout groups. If you are unsure if an activity qualifies for community service, please contact Bernice Banks at: b_bernic@bellsouth.net or check with the high school counselors.

DHS Community Service Verification Form

Attention: PTSA

Student Name: _____ Phone: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Title of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Date (s) of Service: _____ # of Hours: _____

Describe the nature of your community service – what did you do, where was it done, etc.?

Contact parent or supervisors signature confirming amt of service: _____

Date: _____

Student signature verifying all information submitted is accurate: _____

Date: _____

Once this form is completed, please drop it by the main office or Mail it to:

DHS Attention: PTSA Community

Service 310 N. McDonough St.,

Decatur, Ga. 30030

For Community Service Committee Use Only:

Date Reviewed: _____ Approved: _____ Initial: _____ Denied: _____ Reason
for being questioned: _____

USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH AGENCY