

ATTACHMENT NO. X-D: Community Service Hours

Suggested Motion: Move to approve the Community Service Hours Proposal

Recommended Action: Approve the motion.

We are recommending a 25-hour community service graduation requirement. Fifteen hours can easily be earned with online options presented by the school. For students with zero hours, it would require them to be proactive in working through the options to find another ten hours of community service, and some of the current options support the e-learning mandated through shelter-in-place.

Input was sought from high school staff members involved in the community service process, along with those who assist with tracking graduation requirements. The recommendation is a compromise of those opinions.

Current service community options include:

1. Students picking up trash and submitting pictures as evidence of completion for up to five hours.
2. Students helping an elderly neighbor or someone in need with yard cleanup.
4. Staff is coordinating with the American Heart Society to earn ten community service hours via the internet.
5. Possibility of offering a paper on the benefits of community service hours/volunteerism for up to five community service hours.
6. Students coordinating with elementary, UE, or MS to offer online reading and/or tutoring.
7. Other

This leads to a question of the possibilities to address the community service hour requirement for graduation (please know there are more than 20 students who need 20 community service hours or more to graduate, and over 60 have completed the requirement).

Options include:

1. Eliminate the community service hour requirement for this year.
2. Prorate the community service hour requirement by five or ten hours due to the current situation.
3. Keep the community service hour requirement in its entirety, allowing all students to walk at graduation, give an empty graduation sleeve to those who did not earn their requirement, and give them the diploma once they have earned it.
4. Keep the community service hour requirement in its entirety, and don't allow students to walk at graduation. Students will be given their diploma once they meet the community service hour requirement.
5. A combination of two and three or two and four.
6. Other