

# PAWS GUIDELINES 2020-2021

The “Panthers Achieving through Work & Service” (PAWS) program allows students to earn volunteer hours as they work within the community. This program is designed to instill a desire to be a well-educated, conscientious, and caring citizen.

The PAWS program is available to Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors for the 2020-21 school year. Underclassmen will be recognized at the end of the year with a certificate and pin. Seniors completing the grade level requirement will earn a white honor cord to be worn at graduation. Additionally, Seniors who have completed the grade level requirements for each year while in high school, will receive a certificate and a plaque acknowledging this accomplishment.

## Grade level requirements:

- ***Freshmen*** - 15 hours of documented community and/or school service. *Service on site at PHS will be limited to 10 hours.*
- ***Sophomores*** - 30 hours of documented community and/or school service. *Service on site at PHS will be limited to 10 hours.*
- ***Juniors*** - 45 hours of documented community and/or school service. *Service on site at PHS will be limited to 10 hours.*
- ***Seniors*** - 60 hours of documented community and/or school service. *Service on site at PHS will be limited to 10 hours.*

## General Information:

- ☐ Community service hours must be completed between April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- ☐ Volunteer hours may be earned through school/community organizations.
- ☐ Volunteer hours must be done outside the student’s home unless pre-approved by your grade level AP.
- ☐ Volunteering is intended to assist around the community. Because of this, helping family out does not count as community service (ex: babysitting for family or helping family members at work sites).
- ☐ Volunteer hours must not include any activities for which pay is received.
- ☐ The volunteer hours documented must come from at least **two** different activities.
- ☐ Any one activity or organization may not count for more than (6) hours per day, with a 30 hour maximum.
- ☐ Travel time may not be included.

- Fundraising activity for any school organization will not count; with the exception of Project Grad/Prom activities, unless approved by the x2vol coordinator.
- All PAWS volunteer service hours must be submitted through the x2vol volunteer tracking system within one week of volunteering. Make sure to include contact info (Name, Phone number, and e-mail) to verify your participation in a volunteer opportunity.
- Students should attempt to volunteer in activities posted on the x2vol website, but are not restricted to x2vol opportunities. Volunteering in x2vol opportunities allow for quick verification and submission of service hours.

**\*Any unique circumstances, which do not fall under these guidelines, may be discussed with the PAWS Coordinator, Mr. Celestine (Room 3201).**

**\*Students may pick up PAWS information packets from all grade level AP offices or from the PHS Front Office.**