

GRADUATION PROJECT

Tussey Mountain School District has developed a graduation project that is now a requirement for a student to graduate under the Chapter 4 state requirements for graduation. These new requirements became effective with the graduating class of 1999 and all classes thereafter. Listed below is a review of the three components of the graduation plan:

1. The student must satisfactorily complete the Applied Life Skills course during their senior year. This course is a one-semester course a student would take opposite physical education.
2. The student must complete 15 hours of a service activity. Their advisor must approve the activity. The 15 hours can be completed in school, community, and church activities. The student must have a service activity supervisor who will monitor the student and be accountable for the completion of the 15 hours.
3. The student will complete 4 projects (one each in grades 9, 10, 11, 12). These projects will be taken from their coursework. Each project will address one of the 4 major curricular areas: English, Math, Science, Social Studies. However, a student may replace one of the academic areas with a vocational, fine art, etc. project. Examples of these types of projects would be: research paper (English), flower collection (Science), POD project (Social Studies), shop project (Technical Education), writing a piece of music (Fine Arts). A student is free to add more projects to his portfolio of projects.

It is our hope that students will gain valuable experiences from the project as well as having a portfolio of information, which will be a benefit to them in a post secondary area.

GRADUATION PICTURE TAKING

The Tussey Mountain High School class of 1982 initiated a tradition to lend a more solemn atmosphere to the graduation ceremony. In the past, attempts at capturing the moment with a hasty photograph often disrupted the graduation formality. To solve the dilemma of personal picture taking while retaining the formality of the ceremony, two new customs evolved. First, a picture day separate from graduation night is held during the second practice session for family and friends who wish to personally photograph the graduates. Secondly, a professional photographer takes high quality pictures on graduation night of seniors receiving their diplomas. The cooperation of the public is highly appreciated by the seniors and administration.