The New Tech Network graduation seal has a special meaning. The years spent in New Tech Network schools allow students to gain the academic and deeper learning skills necessary for any post-secondary option.

Throughout the life of a project, students, as young as five-years-old, collaborate with their peers, facilitators, and outside experts to demonstrate oral and written communication by engaging with authentic audiences. Engagement in relevant and challenging tasks help students develop ownership over their learning and a sense of agency – skills that are essential in college and career.

Ensuring graduates are ready for college, career, and civic life is a challenge for most schools and requires a different perspective about expectations for both students and adults.

This year, we asked school directors to share their thoughts on the ideal New Tech Network graduate.

New Tech Network Seal Requirements

In addition to the Indiana graduation requirements, learners will be expected to fulfill the New Technology Network (NTN) requirements. They are as followed:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) focus
- Internship Component, 50 hours
- Minimum 12 dual college credits, average is 20-25 dual college credits
- Community service component (See requirements below)

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (suggested example):

- Freshman – 15 hours required for school, church, club, or neighborhood organizations
- Sophomores – 25 hours required at Goodwill, soup kitchens, etc.
- Juniors – 25 hours required at community centers (Choices for Women, Soup Kitchen, etc.)
- Seniors – 35 hours required must be approved by a facilitator
  Total – 100 hours for community service upon graduation.
  **Learners will keep portfolios of their community service projects, which may be used when interviewing for jobs and colleges