

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Note: The following optional policy recognizes volunteer work experience as part of the curriculum.

The School Board desires that all students develop a sense of social responsibility and encourages opportunities for students to perform volunteer duties in the community. The School Board believes that through volunteer service, students may gain a better understanding of local culture and will have the opportunity to reinforce cultural values that support community wellbeing. The School Board also believes that volunteer service can help students gain self-esteem, reinforce skills, discover career options and learn the value of volunteer work. Community service can motivate students to learn by relating the curriculum to the needs of the community at large and reinforcing community cultural values.

The Superintendent or designee may develop with staff, parents/guardians and community organizations a community service course that reinforces the student's educational curriculum and provides opportunities for student volunteers to meet community needs and understand the community cultural impacts. The Superintendent or designee may authorize community service credit that may be applied towards high school graduation.

Parents/guardians of student volunteers shall receive information about the community service program and its benefits for both the community and the student.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteers)