

Community Service

The Governing Board recognizes that community service can help students develop skills, career awareness and self-esteem. Service experiences also can motivate students by letting them apply what they are studying to local needs and problems and by showing them that they can make a contribution to their community.

The Board desires that all students develop a sense of social responsibility. To encourage this development, the district shall offer students opportunities to perform volunteer duties in cooperation with nonprofit community agencies. The Board believes that volunteer service can help students gain self-esteem, reinforce skills, discover career options and learn the value of volunteer work. Community service motivates students to learn by relating the curriculum to the needs of the community at large.

The Board supports the integration of community service activities with the curriculum so as to enhance learning in all subject areas. The Board encourages staff to collaborate with local public and nonprofit agencies in order to develop service learning activities that meet educational objectives and also fit in with current community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental or public safety needs.

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51220 Areas of study, grades 7 to 12

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