

Community Service

The board recognizes that volunteering connects students to their communities and provides an opportunity for students to practice and apply their academic and social skills in preparation for entering the workforce. The board further recognizes that community service is associated with increased civic awareness and participation by students, and can inspire students to continue their education and skill development beyond high school. Students are encouraged to participate in community service activities as a part of their high school graduation requirements. The board will implement an incentive program to recognize students for achievement in community service and may, in its discretion, include community service in the district's high school graduation /diploma requirements.

Cross References:

Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References:

[ESHB 1412](#)
RCW 28A.320 Provisions Applicable to all Districts

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal News, June 2013 State law requires that districts adopt community service incentive policy

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The Superintendent will implement a process to recognize student achievement in community service.

Community Service Varsity Letter Recognition Program

The Community Service Varsity letter program is based on the number of volunteer hours completed by students enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Students at Washougal High School, Excelsior High School and home-schooled students affiliated with Washougal School District are eligible to apply.

Students will complete 150 hours of community service volunteer work between Spring Break through the Friday before Spring Break the following year. Students may begin accumulating volunteer hours in qualifying months during their eighth grade year.

The 150-hour requirement will include: 1) No less than 50 hours of non-school related volunteering in a non-profit or civic service setting and 2) at least one school related activity with no hour requirement. Students are to submit an Intent to Participate form, and must provide a completed Verification Form signed by their volunteer supervisor for all volunteer hours to be counted.