

## Instruction

### Student Volunteers and Community Service

The district is committed to preparing its high school students for active participation in community affairs through a student service learning program. Student service learning is defined as an unpaid activity within the curriculum, school or outside community that provides service to an individual or group to address a school or community need. The activity must be developmentally appropriate and meaningful to the student.

The program aimed at teaching skills and habits the Board of Education perceives as essential for good citizenship, strives to allow students to develop a wide range of personal, intellectual, academic and social skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, negotiation, communication, planning and evaluation. It will help students become effective employees, colleagues, citizens and leaders.

All graduating students will have completed a minimum of twenty (20) hours of community service. This community service requirement can be met anytime during the student's four high school years. An alternate plan shall be provided for those students with parent approval who can not do community service for moral, ethical, religious or other reasons.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221a [a] An Act Concerning High School Community Service

*Herndon v. Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Board of Education*, 899 F. Supp 1443 (North Carolina) 1995

*Immediato v. Rye Neck School District*, 873 F. Supp 846 (New York) 1995

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