

## Community Service

The Board of Directors recognizes that volunteering / service learning opportunities for students benefit the students themselves, their families, schools, communities and society. Community service learning can provide opportunities for students to apply academic learning to address real human needs; as a result, students are able to integrate and elaborate on the knowledge gained in their classrooms, increasing their motivation to learn while making a positive contribution to their communities. The Board further recognizes that community service learning is positively correlated with increased civic awareness and participation. All students are encouraged to participate in community service activities in age-appropriate ways; specifically, students are required to demonstrate meaningful service as part of their high school graduation requirements. The Superintendent shall ensure that students' community service is publicly recognized and celebrated in the appropriate venues, such as graduation ceremonies.

### 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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