

Procedure: Community Service

The superintendent will implement a process to recognize student achievement in community service. The following programs are suggested, but districts may design their own programs to best serve the unique needs of their students:

A. Varsity Letter Recognition Program

The Varsity Letter Program is based on the number of volunteer hours completed by students enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Students will complete 145 hours of community service volunteer hours between April 1 and April 30 of the following year. The 145-hour requirement will include:

1. 50 hours of non-school-related volunteering in a non-profit or civic services setting; and
2. At least one school-related requirement.

Students must meet a 2.0 GPA requirement prior to participating or receive a GPA requirement waiver from the principal. All activities must be verifiable and students will provide a written log upon completion of the 145-hours requirement.

B. Certificate of Merit

A Certificate of Merit Program awards students gold, silver or bronze “medals” for completing certain numbers of hours for volunteer community service. Students must meet the 2.0 GPA requirement or receive a GPA requirement waiver from the principal in order to participate. Hours may be accumulated annually or throughout the high school career. Students will keep a written log and hours must be verifiable.

C. Other Incentives

Districts may implement other incentive programs, including class credit for a required number of community service hours, a class on volunteerism, making a certain number of community service hours a graduation requirement, extra privileges or a special event, field trips and/or a “community service” club.

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