

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 education.

In recognition of community service the superintendent shall implement a Certificate of Merit program.

A certificate of merit program awards students gold, silver or bronze “certificates” for completing certain numbers of hours for volunteer community service. Students must hold a 2.5 GPA or receive a GPA waiver from the principal in order to participate. Hours may be accumulated annually. Students will keep a log and hours that must be verifiable by their advisor or lead instructor.

To earn a “Gold” certificate students must have 50 hours of verifiable community service.

To earn a “Silver” certificate students must have 30 hours of verifiable community service.

To earn a “Bronze” certificate students must have 15 hours of verifiable community service.

Students will receive their recognition at their end of the year awards assembly and all hours must be turned into their advisor at least 1 week prior to that assembly or similar event.

Legal References:

ESHB 1412
RCW 28A.320

Provisions Applicable to all Districts

Management Resources:

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State law requires that districts adopt community service incentive policy