

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**POLICY:**

The Board of Directors 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 will include community service in the District's high school graduation/diploma requirements.

Cross References:

Policy No. 6200: Graduation Requirements

Legal References

ESHB 1412

RCW 28A.320 Provisions Application 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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### **PROCEDURES:**

#### **Community Service Requirement**

As part of the Viking Experience, students must earn and record 15 community service hours each year of their high school experience for a total of 45 hours of community service upon completion of their senior year.

#### **Varsity Letter Recognition Program**

The Varsity Letter in Community Service is an award recognizing a student's outstanding commitment to volunteerism. To receive this award, a student must complete 145 hours of volunteer service to school and community over a calendar year, beyond their required hours for course credit or graduation. All hours are independently verified by United Way of Snohomish County staff and volunteers, holding applicants to a very high standard.