

## **AR 6142.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Program Description**

Community service classes shall acquaint students with the history and importance of volunteer service and with various existing community needs, including needs within the school itself.

Students shall be offered volunteer opportunities which support and strengthen their academic achievement and help them recognize the relevance of what they are learning in school. Such opportunities also may help them to:

1. Develop multicultural relationships within the community.
2. Appreciate the democratic ideal of equal treatment for all citizens.
3. Learn the importance of environmental conservation.
4. Understand the values, goals and quality of life which the community considers important.
5. Develop flexibility in order to realize that changes are necessary throughout life. Students shall be encouraged to volunteer in areas which interest them personally.

Staff shall provide student volunteers with opportunities to discuss the value of their service experiences with their peers.

### **Program Supervision**

School staff shall regularly visit community agencies to observe student volunteers and help them solve service-related problems.

School staff shall monitor the attendance of students at designated community service sites and shall maintain attendance records.

### **Grading**

Grades awarded in community service classes shall be based upon:

1. The student's accomplishment of written objectives established and agreed upon by the community organization, school staff member, student and parent/guardian; and
2. The student's completion of a written essay or a speech related to his/her community service experiences.

## **Student Responsibilities**

Transportation to the community service site shall be the student's responsibility.

In case of illness, the student shall inform both the community agency and the staff member responsible for monitoring attendance. Students shall be held accountable for attendance in the same manner as that used for the regular school program.

The community agency or district staff may terminate any student's volunteer placement if the student's conduct is unsatisfactory.

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