

ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

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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 graduation requirements. The board will implement an incentive program to recognize students for achievement in community service and may, in its discretion, include community service in the district's high school graduation /diploma requirements.

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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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:

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 service 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-hour requirement.

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.

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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