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## **SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

The School District endorses Community Service Projects as part of a course requirement for graduation. The benefits of a Community Service Project includes providing an opportunity for students to develop a wide range of personal, intellectual, academic, and social skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, negotiations, communication, planning and evaluation. The focus should be to help students become effective employees, colleagues, citizens, and leaders.

The community service options shall include a wide variety of organizations representing diverse views from which students may choose including, but not limited to, charitable, educational, civic and social organizations. Students will also be allowed to select organizations of their own choice and/or develop their own projects subject to approval from applicable faculty and administration. A student will not be required to provide community service to an organization whose message conflicts with his/her personal views. The required number of hours and working conditions shall be reasonable, and reflect sufficient time frames for completion of the Community Service Project.

Before a Community Service Project is undertaken, it must receive approval by the classroom teacher and building administrator. Community Service Projects will include a requirement that students, upon completion of the project, submit a written summary of their program which focuses on the learning component. Students will not be compelled to express their beliefs, either orally or in writing, as to the positive values of community service.

All Community Service Projects, including course requirements, must receive final approval from the building principal.

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