

Santa Barbara School Districts

Board Policy

BP 6142.4

Instruction

Learning Through Community Service

The Governing Board recognizes that community service can help students develop skills, career awareness, and self-esteem. Service experiences also can motivate students by letting them apply what they are studying in addressing local needs, seeking to resolve issues, and by showing them that they can make a contribution to their community through involved citizenship.

Sixty hours of community service shall be required for high school graduation. Individual circumstances may be considered in meeting this requirement. Additionally, a number of courses also require service hours. Service hours in excess of the number of hours required as part of normal course work may be applied to the community service graduation requirement.

Parents/guardians shall receive information about the community service opportunities offered by the Districts and their benefits for both the community and the student. The Districts shall ask parents/guardians to acknowledge this information before students participate in off-campus service activities.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
- 51210 Areas of study, grades 1 to 6
- 51220 Areas of study, grades 7 to 12
- 51745 Independent study

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12501-12682 National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993

COURT DECISIONS

Steirer et al v. Bethlehem Area School District, 3rd Cir. 1993 789 F. Supp. 1337 (E.D. Pa 1992)
987 F.2d 989

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