

SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASSES

The Governing Board recognizes that student involvement in community service enhances academic outcomes, helps students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become informed and responsible citizens, and aids in individual career development. The district may offer separate community service classes and/or service learning opportunities that are integrated into other courses. Such classes and activities shall be designed to link academic content, practical skills, and meaningful service contributions to the community.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

Service Learning

The Superintendent or designee may integrate service learning opportunities into one or more courses at appropriate grade levels.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

When service learning activities occur off campus, the Superintendent or designee may arrange for transportation when necessary and shall ensure that students receive appropriate guidance and supervision.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

Notifications

Parents/guardians shall receive information about service learning and any community service opportunities offered by the district and the benefits of such activities to the community and the student. The district shall ask parents/guardians to acknowledge this information and provide consent before their child participates in any off-campus service activities.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICES CLASSES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233.5 *Teaching of principles*
35160 *Authority of governing boards*
35160.1 *Broad authority of school districts*
37220.6 *Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning*
51210 *Areas of study, grades 1-6*
51220 *Areas of study, grades 7-12*
51745 *Independent study*
51810-51815 *Community service classes*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12501-12682 *National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993*

COURT DECISIONS

Steirer et al v. Bethlehem School District, (1993) 987 F.2d 989

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education, Service Learning: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
Corporation for National and Community Service: <http://www.nationalservice.gov>
National Service Learning Clearinghouse: <http://www.servicelearning.org>