

**School/Community Relations****Student Community Services**

This policy provides for School Board endorsement of student participation in community service projects. The policy sets forth acceptance guidelines for approved activities and sets guidelines for students' eligibility to participate. The policy provides for an approval process by school personnel and provides for an evaluation process with a recognition program.

The Pettis County R-V Board of Education recognizes the value and learning received by students from participation in community service activities. Community service is defined as an outside school activity that is for the benefit of the public and community but which is non-monetary. Community service includes many ways of helping the community such as tutoring, trash pick-up, or painting city park facilities. These are offered as examples and do not necessarily constitute approval. The board endorses and encourages students to participate in such activities to promote good citizenship.

**Recommended Procedures:**

1. The District's policy to approve community service projects will meet the following criteria:
  - a. Be beneficial to the community and District
  - b. Promote good citizenship
  - c. Be performed outside of the school day or program
  - d. Be non-monetary
2. All students eligible under the extra-curricular standards will qualify for recognition of approved community service. Students may also receive special approval or assignment from administrative personnel for participation.
3. The appropriate school principal will be responsible for overseeing and monitoring the student community service policy. He or she may delegate some responsibilities to others such as school staff and student council. The student council will be the central collection body for logging and documentation of participation in said community services.
4. The evaluation process will be ongoing and continuous for both the individual student projects and the overall community service activities. The evaluation shall consist of:
  - a. The building principal will compile information to determine the percentage of the student body participating in the community service projects. The principal shall keep a record of total number of successfully completed projects by each individual student. All results will be reported to the superintendent.

- b. A representative from the different community organizations may be asked to report to the superintendent concerning the community satisfaction and approval of the various service projects.
  - c. The community service program will be reviewed annually by the Board of Education.
- 5. Recognition and encouragement of student participation in community service projects will be as follows:
  - a. The school will work with community businesses to provide non-monetary recognition of students participating.
  - b. Students completing or surpassing a required number of service projects will receive a service bar or pin which will be presented at the annual awards assembly.

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