

## **BRITTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### Board Policy No. 6142.4 - 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 to local needs and problems and by showing them that they can make a contribution to their community.

#### Integrated Community Service

The Board supports the integration of community service activities with the curriculum so as to enhance learning in all subject areas. The Board encourages staff to collaborate with local public and nonprofit agencies in order to develop service learning activities that meet educational objectives and also fit in with current community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental or public safety needs.

#### Community Service Classes

The district shall offer community service classes which acquaint students with the history and importance of volunteer service and with a wide range of existing community needs, including needs within the school itself.

Students shall be offered volunteer opportunities which support and strengthen their academic achievement and help them recognize the relevance of what they are learning in school. Insofar as possible, such opportunities shall also be designed to help students develop cross-cultural relationships within the community.

#### 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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