

## Community Service

The board recognizes that volunteering connects students to their communities and provides an opportunity for students to practice and apply their academic and social skills in preparation for entering the workforce. The board further recognizes that community service is associated with increased civic awareness and participation by students, and can inspire students to continue their education and skill development beyond high school. Students are encouraged to participate in community service activities as a part of their high school graduation requirements. The board will implement an incentive program to recognize students for achievement in community service and may, in its discretion, include community service in the district's high school graduation /diploma requirements.

Cross References:                      Policy 2410                      High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References:                      [ESHB 1412](#)  
RCW 28A.320 Provisions Applicable to all Districts

Management Resources:  
*Policy and Legal News*, June 2013                      State law requires that districts adopt  
community service incentive policy

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