Community Service

The Superintendent will implement a process to recognize student achievement in community service. The following programs are suggested but districts may design their own programs to best serve the unique needs of their students:

Varsity Letter Recognition Program

The Varsity letter program is based on the number of volunteer hours completed by students enrolled in grades 9 through 12. Students will complete 145 hours of community service volunteer hours between April 1 and April 30 of the following year. The 145-hour requirement will include: 1) 50 hours of non-school related volunteering in a non-profit or civic service setting and 2) at least one school related requirement. Students must meet a 2.0 GPA requirement prior to participating or receive a GPA requirement waiver from the principal. All activities must be verifiable and students will provide a written log upon completion of the 145-hour requirement.

Certificate of Merit

A certificate of merit program awards students gold, silver or bronze "medals" for completing certain numbers of hours for volunteer community service. Students must meet the 2.0 GPA requirement or receive a GPA requirement waiver from the principal in order to participate. Hours may be accumulated annually or throughout the high school career. Students will keep a written log and hours must be verifiable.

Other Incentives

Districts may implement other incentive programs, including class credit for a required number of community service hours, a class on volunteerism, making a certain number of community service hours a graduation requirement, extra privileges or a special event, field trips and/or a "community service" club.