LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 shall 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. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

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)

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 to 6
        51220 Areas of study, grades 7 to 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 Area School District, 789 F.Supp. 1337 (E.D. Pa 1992) 987

        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

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