

**Series 6000 – Instruction**

**1. Elementary and Secondary**

**D. Curriculum**

**(1) Curriculum Design/Development/Revision**

**(e) Student Volunteers and Community Service**

The Suffield Board of Education is committed to preparing students for active participation in community affairs through volunteerism and community service. Community service is defined as an unpaid activity within the curriculum, school or outside community that provides service to an individual or group to address a school or community need. The activity should be developmentally appropriate and meaningful to the student.

The Suffield Board of Education perceives community service as essential for good citizenship. Involvement in community service allows students to develop a wide range of personal, intellectual, academic and social skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, negotiation, communication, planning and evaluation. It also helps students become effective employees, colleagues, citizens and leaders.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-221a [a] An Act Concerning High School Community Service  
*Herndon v. Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Board of Education*,  
899 F. Supp 1443 (North Carolina) 1995  
*Immediato v Rye Neck School District*, 873 F. Supp 846 (New York) 1995

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