**Operating Policy No. 2414**

**Instruction**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) 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. PSESD 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.

PSESD encourages students to participate in community service activities as a part of their high school graduation requirements. The ESD will support or implement incentive programs that recognize students for achievement in community service and may, in its discretion, include community service in any PSESD high school program’s graduation/diploma requirements.

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Relevant Board Governance Policy: EL 3 Treatment of Stakeholders

Cross References: Operating Policy No. 2410 High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References: [ESHB 1412](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1412) An act relating to community service as a high school graduation requirement

 RCW 28A.320 Provisions Applicable to all Districts