

**Service Learning/Community Service Classes**

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes that service learning can enhance academic outcomes, help students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become informed and responsible citizens, and aid in individual career development. Service learning experiences may also motivate students by providing them the opportunity to apply their studies to school and community needs and showing them that they can make a contribution to their community through involved citizenship.

**Service Learning**

SCOE supports service learning instructional strategies as integral components of the curriculum and encourages staff to collaborate with local public and nonprofit agencies in order to develop service learning activities that meet educational objectives, align with state and local academic standards, and address current community needs.

**Notifications**

Parents/guardians shall receive information about the service learning or community service opportunities offered by SCOE and their benefits for both the community and the student. SCOE shall ask parents/guardians to acknowledge this information and provide consent before their child participates in any off-campus service activities.

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 1-6
- 51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12
- 51745 Independent study

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 12501-12682 National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993

COURT DECISIONS

- Steirer et al v. Bethlehem School District, (1993) 987 F.2d 989

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 1020 Youth Services
- 1600 Relationships with other Governmental Agencies
- 1700 Relationships with Private Industry
- 6000 Concepts and Roles
- 6011 Academic Standards
- 6030 Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction
- 6142.3 Civic Education