



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) believes that our students can positively impact their learning by engaging in community involvement and Christian Service. Though a requirement for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, this opportunity fosters an ongoing spirit of giving and encourages each student's commitment to strengthening our community through service to others. The NCDSB believes that this part of the secondary school experience allows our students to put our Catholic faith into action.

REFERENCES

Administrative Procedure APE018 - Community Involvement and Christian Service

Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM 124A) - *Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirement: Community Involvement Activities in English-Language Schools*

DEFINITIONS

Nil.

POLICY REGULATIONS

- 1.0 Students should be motivated and inspired by the Gospel call to service and community, and act accordingly through their community involvement and Christian service.
- 2.0 Students are able to start accumulating community involvement and service hours in the summer before they enter Grade 9.
- 3.0 Students shall complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement as one of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) in accordance with the ministry regulations and expectations.
- 4.0 Students must complete and submit the log of hours accordingly to the Principal or designate. Failure to do so may jeopardize the achievement of an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
- 5.0 Students shall not earn any wages as part of their community involvement and Christian service, nor shall they take the work of a paid employee.
- 6.0 Students should consult with their parents/guardians to ensure that their activities they engage in are safe and appropriate for their age, maturity, and abilities.

- 7.0 A family member or relative cannot authorize the hours of community involvement and Christian service.
- 8.0 Locally developed guidelines and the administrative procedures will be reviewed regularly and updated as required to respond to the legislative requirements of this policy.