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

Education Act
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Policy Program Memorandum (PPM)
124 Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirement: Community Involvement Activities
Minister's Certificate of Recognition for Community Involvement
NCDSB Administrative Procedure
APE018 Community Involvement and Christian Service

DEFINITIONS

Nil.

POLICY REGULATIONS

1.0 The Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) is committed to providing opportunities for secondary students to engage in Community Involvement and Christian Service as a meaningful expression of the Catholic Graduate Expectations and Gospel values.

2.0 In alignment with the Ontario Ministry of Education graduation requirements, all secondary students enrolled with the NCDSB must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

3.0 The NCDSB shall establish and maintain clear criteria for what constitutes approved community involvement and Christian service, ensuring all selected activities prioritize student safety, are non-commercial in nature, and are completed outside of regular instructional hours.

4.0 The Board recognizes that the responsibility for selecting, planning, and safe-guarding community service activities is shared collaboratively between the student, their parents or guardians, the school administration, and the community sponsor.

5.0 Principals, or designates, hold the ultimate authority to determine the eligibility and successful completion of a student's community service hours prior to recording them on the student's official transcript.

6.0 Administrative procedures to manage the implementation, tracking, and validation of community service hours, including provisions for the collection and storage of official records will be reviewed regularly and updated as required to respond to the legislative requirements of this policy.