

Appendix D - Community Involvement Activities

Eligible Activities

- Community Events – includes organizing community celebrations (e.g., carnivals, parades, fairs, etc.).
- Community Projects - includes participating in food drives or support services for community groups.
- Environmental Projects – includes participating in community clean-up, flower and tree planting, recycling and general beautification projects.
- Committee Work – includes participation on advisory boards, neighbourhood associations and regional associations.
- Work with Animals – includes animal care, feeding, grooming.
- Fundraising – for community organizations, service clubs and charities –includes canvassing, walk-a-thons and sales for charitable purposes.
- Sports and Recreation – includes coaching, organizing events or volunteering.
- Volunteer Work in Institutions – includes assisting in hospitals, nursing homes and daycares (e.g., serving snacks, visiting, writing and reading)
- Youth Programs – includes volunteer assistance with the operation of youth programs and organizations including drop-in centres, breakfast programs, playground activities and camps.
- Religious Activities – includes participation as a volunteer in programs for children (e.g., Sunday School) and other church activities including special events and clerical tasks.
- Office and Clerical Work – includes volunteer activity in the service of individuals or groups providing charitable or community benefit.
- Arts and Culture – includes volunteer assistance at a gallery, museum, performing arts production or program, or in a community library program. This must not involve the handling of works of art, antiques or other valuables.
- Activities with Individuals – includes volunteer activity for any person requiring assistance. This must not involve the use of power tools
- School Community Service – may include service that provides benefit to others and takes place outside the regular school day. These activities must be approved by the principal in advance.

Ineligible Activities

An ineligible activity is an activity that:

- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled (e.g., cooperative education portion of a course, job shadowing, work experience);
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day. However, an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or “spare” period is permissible;
- takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under sixteen years of age;
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under 15 years of age;
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under 14 years of age and is not accompanied by an adult;
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace;
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding;
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons;
- involves handling of “designated substances” under the Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government; (e.g. electrician)
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques, or other valuables;
- consists of duties normally performed in the home (i.e., daily chores) or personal recreational activities;
- involves a court-ordered program (e.g., community-service program for young offenders, probationary program).
- any activity that provides direct financial benefit or gain to the student or to the student’s immediate family;
- any association with an organization or activity that does not comply with the policies, procedures and regulations of both the Upper Canada District School Board and the Ministry of Education;
- any activity that involves swapping of regular chores by two students;
- any activity that endangers the physical or mental well-being of students or those in their charge.