

Vernonia School District 47J

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Service Learning

The Board supports the concept of service learning as a teaching methodology and encourages its use in the schools. As used in this policy, "service learning" means a teaching/learning strategy requiring students to develop and apply knowledge and skills through challenging projects that meet real community needs. Citizenship, academic subjects and skills are taught through learning activities tied to academic content standards and/or local performance standards.

The superintendent may develop and implement service learning with the input of staff, students, parents, community and higher education, as appropriate.

Recommendations for curriculum revisions that require the addition or deletion of existing courses, represent a change in the courses and/or units of credit required for graduation and/or impact existing staffing patterns shall be submitted to the Board for approval. All other recommended changes must be submitted by the principal to the superintendent for approval.

The superintendent is directed to identify existing district policies, administrative regulations and other district practices that may be barriers to effective implementation of service learning. Identified policies will be referred to the Board for review and revision, as appropriate. The superintendent will also submit service learning funding needs to the Board as part of the budget planning process.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.175](#)

[ORS 336.183](#)

[ORS 341.315](#)

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