

**CHAPTER 9.00: SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- I. The Superintendent shall develop a program of community involvement to enable students to meet the community service requirement for the Florida Academic Scholars award or other scholarship program.
- II. A community service activity shall be a service or benefit provided by the student to meet an identified need in the community. The activity should also provide a learning opportunity for the student.
- III. An activity must be
 - A. Fulfilled in a safe environment;
 - B. Conducted outside the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day; and
 - C. Approved in advance by the school principal.
- IV. Community Service
 - A. Students who enroll in and successfully complete 75 hours of non-paid voluntary community or school service work may earn a one-half elective credit in Voluntary School/Community Service (course number 2104330) or one-half elective credit in Voluntary Public Service (course number 0500370). A total of one credit may be earned through community service. The grade awarded is “pass” (P).
 - B. Students must complete a minimum of 75 hours of service in order to earn the one-half credit for either course. Credit may not be earned for service provided as a result of court action. The school principal or designee is responsible for pre-approving specific volunteer activities before the student begins any community service project for high school elective credit.
 - C. For High School credit and Bright Futures eligibility, volunteer/community service hours must be submitted to the guidance counselor on or before 10 school days prior to the last day of student attendance for the school year.

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