

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The Ministry of Education has developed a list of activities that may **not** be chosen as community involvement activities and that are therefore **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, job shadowing, work experience).
- Takes place during school hours, except during the student's lunch break or spare periods.
- Takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under 16.
- Takes place in a factory, if the student is under 15.
- Takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under 14 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 (eg. snow blower, power mower, hedge trimmers, etc.)
- Involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons.
- Involves the handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (eg. asbestos, lead, dangerous chemicals, toxic materials, etc).
- Requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government.
- 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 or personal recreational activities.
- Involves activities for a court-ordered program (e.g. community-service program for young offenders, probationary program).

Additional Ineligible Activities:

BCS has determined that the following are also ineligible activities, in addition to those that the Ministry of Education has listed:

Any activity that provides direct financial benefit or gain to the students or to the

student's immediate family.

Any association with an organization or an organizational activity that does not comply with the ethical standards, policies, procedures and regulations of the Ministry of Education and BCS.

Simple membership in a school or community club.

Part of a Community Service Day or Activity during regularly-scheduled class time (e.g. Terry Fox Walk).

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The following guiding principles, read in conjunction with the list of the ineligible activities, are intended to assist the student and parents/guardians to determine whether a planned activity is within an approved area for the completion of the community involvement requirement:

1. An event or activity designed to be of benefit to the community;
2. An event or activity to support a not-for-profit agency, institution or foundation that conforms to the ethical standards of BCS and the Ministry of Education;
3. Any structured program that promotes tutoring, mentoring, visiting or coaching, or whose purpose is to assist others who require the benefit of that assistance;
4. Participation in an event or activity that supports ethical work of a global nature;
5. Participation in an event or activity that promotes positive environmental awareness;
6. Participation in an event or activity that contributes to the health and well-being of any ethical group that conforms to the community standards of morality and conduct, including school-based activities;
7. Participation in an event or activity affiliated with a club, religious organization, arts or cultural association, or political organization that seeks to make a positive and ethical contribution in the community

Where an event or activity does not clearly fall within the guidelines, the Principal has the discretion to approve or reject any activity or event that does not conform to the guiding principles and ethical standards for approved areas of involvement for students.

Specific Areas of involvement may include:

Fundraising – includes canvassing, walk-a-thons, celebrity games, gift wrapping, gala events and sales for charitable purposes;

Sports/Recreation – includes coaching, helping to organize winter carnivals, parades and summer fairs;

Community Events – includes helping to organize special meets and games, and volunteering as a leisure buddy or pool assistant;

Community Projects – includes participating in organized food drives, or support services for community groups;

Environmental Projects – includes participating in community clean-ups, flower/tree planting, recycling and general beautification projects and activities;

Volunteer Work with Seniors – includes assisting at seniors' residences (e.g. serving snacks, helping with activities, and reading programs);

Committee Work – includes participation on advisory boards, neighbourhood associations and regional associations;

Religious Activities – includes participation as a volunteer in programs for children, child minding, Sunday School assistance, special events and clerical tasks;

Youth Programs – includes volunteer assistance with the operation of youth programs such as 4H, Scouts, Guides, drop-in centres, breakfast programs, March Break programs, Leaders in Training, summer playground activities and camps;

Office/Clerical Work – includes volunteer activity in reception, computer work and mailings for individuals or groups providing charitable or general community benefit;

Work with Animals – includes volunteer involvement with animal care, horseback riding programs, or volunteer assistance at a local zoo or petting farm;

Arts and Culture – includes volunteer assistance at a gallery, performing arts production or program, or in a community library program;

Activities for Individuals – includes any volunteer activity that assists someone who requires assistance for shopping, tutoring, light snow removal (no use of snow blower), housekeeping, writing letters or transcribing, or involves; hospital visitation, voluntary involvement with chronic care, or service as a volunteer reading buddy;

School Community Service – may include service within the school community that provides benefit to others that takes place outside the regular school day. The school Principal in advance of the commencement of the activity must approve these school-based activities in advance.