



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Board Policy Statement **6146.13 – Academic Credit for Special Programs** Approved on November 7, 1994

In recognition of the education value of certain types of student activities outside the conventional classroom setting including District approved community service and classroom instruction offered by other educational institutions, the Board encourages students to seek out such opportunities and to request in advance approval of such academic credit to be applicable to high school graduation.

Legal References/Citations

Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 10-221a



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Administrative Procedure

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Approved special programs are those previously approved for credit by the New Britain Board of Education, the Connecticut State Department of Education, Boards of Education in other Connecticut communities, and accredited post-secondary institutions.

Application for consideration of credit for participation in an approved special program is to be made to the principal of the high school or to the director of an alternate high school diploma program if applicable. The student is to make application under the sponsorship of a certified staff member (e.g. teacher, department chairperson, housemaster, etc.). The application shall include information on the content of the special program, a schedule of participation, instructional objectives, means of evaluation, attendance procedure, credit to be awarded for successful completion, and an appropriate timetable.

The principal or director of an alternate high school diploma program is to review and approve the application jointly with the high school principal. Students denied approval for special credit may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools with the final appeal to the Board of Education.

As one of the special programs, the Board of Education may offer one-half credit in community service which, if satisfactory completed, shall qualify for high school graduation credit pursuant to this section, provided such community service is supervised by a certified school administrator or teacher and consists of not less than fifty hours of actual service that is performed at times when school is not regularly in session and not less than ten hours of related classroom instruction. For purposes of this section, community service does not include partisan political activities.

Academic credit for community service is service above and beyond the community service requirement for graduation which begins with the graduation class of 1998.