

Committee/Sub-Committee:
Education: K - 12

List the Learning(s) that this recommendation is addressing:
recommendation on service-learning for all students

Write the Committee Recommendation:

Every student in Athens/Clarke County schools should participate in high quality service-learning each year as an integral part of his/her education experience.

The Clarke County Community should partner with the Clarke county schools in identifying topics and issues that students can work on while using their academic learning to help make improvements in our town. To do this well, service learning must be incorporated into the curriculum via school board policy, financial and instructional support, ongoing professional development, and partnerships with community agencies.

Research has consistently shown that quality service learning increases student achievement, provides hands on and highly motivating learning, reduces apathy and drop out rates, and helps students understand the power of school learning to address societal problems, and leads to active, healthy citizens and leaders.

Clarke County should be the leading town in the nation to embrace all of its students-- from kindergarten through high schools-- as active and knowledgeable citizens who make a difference while increasing their mastery of basic skills, higher order thinking, and problem solving.

Identify any research or other kinds of information that was used to craft this recommendation:

Identify additional research or information that could help clarify this committee recommendation. List potential sources if possible.

Indicate people or groups that we need to talk to help clarify this committee recommendation. List any recommended locations.

Forces that support:

Forces that oppose: