ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE ARKANSAS SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

1.01 These regulations shall be known as the Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations Governing the Service Learning Program.

1.02 These regulations are enacted pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority under Ark. Code Ann. 6-16-120 (Repl. 1993).

2.00 PURPOSE

2.01 The purpose of these regulations is to establish the requirements for the Arkansas Service Learning Program.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

3.01 "Academic Credit" is credit awarded to a student in grades nine through twelve (9-12) after successfully completing a minimum of seventy-five (75) clock hours of documented community service.

3.02 "Community Service" is a program or activity approved by the State Board of Education and the local school board which includes the components preparation, action, and reflection.

3.03 "Certify" means that a service agency or organization has submitted to the school appropriate documentation that a student has successfully completed sufficient community service to be eligible for academic credit.

4.00 SERVICE LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

4.01 In order for a student to be eligible for academic credit for community service, the agency or organization that will certify completion of such service shall be approved by the Arkansas State Board of Education and the local school board.

4.02 Documentation to certify community service shall be presented to the local school board in the manner and at such time as prescribed by the local board.

4.03 Documentation of community service and/or approval of an agency or

organization by the State Board of Education to certify community service for academic credit shall be in a manner and at such time as prescribed by the state board.

4.04 All public school districts are approved by the State Board of Education to certify community service so long as the community service is under the supervision of a certified employee of the district. If the community service is under the direction or supervision of an agency or organization, the agency or organization must be approved by the State Board of Education to certify community service prior to academic credit being granted for such service.

4.05 Upon notification to the State Board of Education a school district may choose to waive participation in the community service program and the awarding of academic credit for community service.