

## Student Internship Program Policy

Internships are voluntary, work-based experiences for high school students that provide an opportunity to explore a career interest or to apply skills learned in a course or program. While internships may be paid or unpaid and may occur before, during, or after the school day or during school vacations or the summer months, credits will only be awarded after the completion of a successful internship experience, which may include other related activities. One-half (1/2) elective credit will be awarded after the successful completion of sixty (60) hours and one (1) elective credit will be awarded after the successful completion of one-hundred and twenty (120) hours. Up to two (2) elective credits may be earned by students toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements. Related details and internship program expectations shall be provided to students in advance of the approval of an internship experience. Internships do not include field-based experiences that are part of a course or program curriculum.

Internship sites, which may be proposed by the school or student, will be approved following a site visit. The purpose of the visit by school personnel is to (1) review the expectations of the Chariho internship program, (2) provide a copy of the internship handbook, (3) confirm that the internship site is safe, (4) provide conflict resolution procedures and (5) explain placement and student evaluation activities.

Students participate in internship experiences at their own risk. School transportation is not provided. Insurance coverage is not provided to participating students by the District. Parents of participating students, unless students are eighteen (18) years of age or older, must sign a Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement prior to participation in the Student Internship Program.

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