

SERVICE-LEARNING IN ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?

Service-Learning is combining meaning service to the community WITH curriculum base learning.



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SERVICE-LEARNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

	Community Service	Service-Learning
Primary Focus	Provides meaningful service	Provides meaningful service and enhancing classroom learning
Curricular Objectives	NONE	Fully infused into the curriculum
Nature of the service activity	Based on student interest/motivation	Based on course topic or discipline



THERE ARE MANY
WAYS TO HELP MAKE
A DIFFERENCE IN THE
WORLD.....



TAKE SOME TIME AND LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND YOU.....

ASK YOURSELF.....

- ▶ What are some issues in the world that you care about?
- ▶ What talents or resources do **YOU** have that could help make a difference?





ONCE YOU DECIDE ON A COMMUNITY
ISSUE, START PREPARING WHAT TO DO
NEXT.....



WORK WITH YOUR TEACHER,
CLASSMATES, COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AND COME UP
WITH WAYS TO TAKE ACTION:



DIFFERENT WAYS TO TAKE ACTION:

- **Direct service provides face-to-face contact with the service recipients.**
Examples- tutoring young children
serving meals at homeless shelters
working with the elderly in nursing homes
- **Indirect service meets a need with no direct contact**
Examples- food & clothing collections
environmental projects
- **Advocacy shares viewpoints on issues of interest by lending voices or talents to eliminate a specific problem**
Examples- letter writing
displaying posters
public comments at a community forum







- ▶ When you are finished with the project, you look back and think...
- ▶ What difference did I make?
- ▶ Did I even make a difference?
- ▶ Would I do this project again?
- ▶ If I would do this project again, I would do some things different...



All students in the state of Maryland **MUST** complete 75 service-learning hours in order to graduate.



Students earn hours for completing service projects that are part of the required curriculum during **school hours** in the following grades and/or courses: PASS will appear on the report card in high school when all **75** hours are met.

*Possible courses embedding service-learning projects

	6 th	7 th	8 th	High School
English	*	*	*	*
Science	*	*	*	*
Social Studies	*	*	*	*
Math	*	*	*	
Creative Arts/Health	*	*	*	*
Rocky Gap Outdoor School		*		
Total Hours required	15 Hours	30 Hours	15 Hours	15 Hours



Service-Learning Elective Credit

Students who wish to go ABOVE and BEYOND the required 75 hours can work towards a service-learning elective credit. If students complete a total of 132 hours **IN ADDITION** to the required 75 hours, they will qualify for the Service-Learning Elective Credit. Students must document these extra/independent hours by completing a verification/reflection form.



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