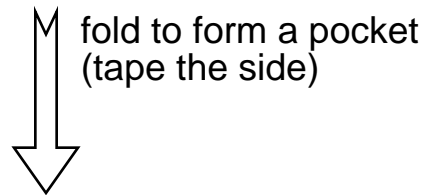
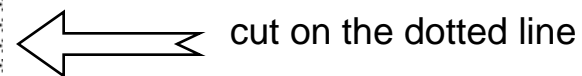


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- Cut out the question for each category. Put in the pocket folder created by the folded \$\$\$ sign.

Students

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General

Knowledge

Students - \$100

Name 2 ways
students can
earn SSL hours

Answers

Students - \$100

1. Successful completion of grade 6 Science, grade 7 English, and grade 8 Social Studies. Completion of other courses where teachers have submitted SSL hours for a specific project.
2. Participation in service-learning activities sponsored by school clubs or organizations. The advisor verifies the SSL hours.
3. Participation in activities with community organizations that are pre-approved for SSL. MCPS form [560-51](#) Student Service Learning Activity Verification Form is required to verify the service.
4. Participation in service learning activities sponsored by community organizations not pre-approved for SSL. Advance approval by the SSL coordinator of the MCPS form

Students - \$200

Identify the number of SSL
hours needed to meet the state
diploma requirement and when
can MCPS students begin
earning SSL hours?

Answers

Students - \$200

The majority of students must complete 75 SSL hours before graduation. The requirement is prorated according to the grade of first time enrollment in MCPS: grade 7—65 hours, grade 8 — 55 hours, grade 9 — 45 hours, grade 10 — 35 hours, grade 11 — 20 hours, and grade 12 — 10 hours.

MCPS students may begin earning SSL hours the summer after grade 5 and continue through high school.

Students - \$300

There are two possible MCPS awards given to students with exceptional SSL records? What are they?

Answers

Students - \$300

The Superintendent's Student Service Learning Awards are given to middle school students who have contributed 75 or more hours of service to their communities within a one-year period. An application process must be followed.

Certificates of Meritorious Service are awarded to graduating seniors who have contributed 260 or more hours of service by the time of graduation.

Logistics- \$100

How can students find out more about SSL requirements and opportunities?

Answers

Logistics - \$100

1. Ask the SSL coordinator at your school
2. Go to the MCPS SSL web site - <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/ssl/>
3. Read the MCPS SSL brochure

Logistics - \$200

How do students apply for their SSL hours and when, or how often, do they need to apply for them?

Answers

Logistics - \$200

Students participating with pre-approved organizations must complete MCPS form 560-51, Student Service Learning Activity Verification Form.

Forms must be completed and turned into the school SSL coordinator by September 30 for any service performed during the summer. Service performed during the semester must be documented and turned into the school SSL coordinator by the end of each semester.

Logistics - \$300

How are student records toward the SSL diploma requirement maintained and reported?

Answers

Logistics - \$300

The SSL coordinator in every middle and high school provides information to students about the SSL requirement, activities, and forms. Applications for SSL special activities are reviewed and approved by the SSL coordinator in advance of service. Hours documented on verification forms are put into the student record. Hours required, completed and remaining are reflected on the report card every 9 weeks from grade 6 on through high school.

General Knowledge - \$100

Name the 3 phases of student service learning that distinguish it from “volunteering” or “community service”

Answer **General Knowledge- \$100**

- Preparation, Action and Reflection

Review

1. Terms *volunteering* and *community service* reflect the action only.
2. Service learning places equal emphasis on the service and the learning aspects

General Knowledge - \$200

Name 3 levels or types of service students can demonstrate in service-learning activities

Answers **General Knowledge -\$200**

- Direct, Indirect, Advocacy

Review

1. Direct service involves face-to-face interaction between students and those they are serving, such as through tutoring, mentoring, serving at a soup kitchen, or visiting the elderly
2. Indirect service involves activities that support a need but without direct contact between students and those they serve such as clothing collections, charity fund raisers, and environmental projects
3. Advocacy service brings attention to an issue, but may not directly impact the issue itself such as lobbying for environmental protections, speaking against racism, or performing a play about the dangers of drug abuse.

General Knowledge - \$300

Is there an appeal process for SSL disputes? If so, what is it?

Answers

General Knowledge- \$300

Students may appeal decisions made by the SSL coordinator and SSL advisory committee to the school principal. Extenuating circumstances substantiating the appeal may be presented in a meeting, or via a written communication with the administrator.

Students may follow the grievance procedures sited in the *A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities*.

Organizations - \$100

How do I check to see that an organization or activity is pre-approved for SSL?

Answers

Organizations -\$100

A list of organizations and activities pre-approved for SSL may be found at www.MCPSSSL.org, and in *The Student Service Learning Guide to Volunteer Activities* distributed in the spring by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC).

Check with your school's SSL coordinator

Organizations - \$200

Identify ways students can earn SSL hours through involvement with their own religious organizations

Answers **Organizations - \$200**

- Serve at a local soup kitchen
- Repair houses for needy
- Collect food for local food pantry
- Hold bake sale with proceeds going to charitable organization
- Visit with nursing home residents, play bingo etc.

Review

1. Students cannot receive SSL credit for teaching about religion. They can receive SSL credit for involvement with vacation bible school if the program was advertised to the greater community and students are involved in activities such as snack time, arts & crafts, games etc.
2. They cannot get SSL for child care of the members children while the parents attend the worship service.
3. Prior approval is required

Organizations - \$300

Must all SSL activities be done with non-profit, tax-exempt organizations?

Answers **Organizations - \$300**

Exceptions to the non-profit, tax-exempt SSL rule include assisted living/nursing homes. Students may earn SSL hours in these facilities with an MCPS form **560-50** Application for Student Service Learning Special Activity Form approved in advance of the service. All SSL hours must be performed exclusively with the children or residents.

In addition, a for-profit organization that holds a non-profit or charity event may also qualify for SSL hours. The event would also need approval in advance of the service.

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