

Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

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SSL: Develops Critical Thinking Skills

- High school students enrolled in the National, State, and Local Government course have the opportunity to earn 7 SSL hours during Semester A, and 8 SSL hours during Semester B for their full participation in the SSL aspects, and successful completion of the course.
- All SSL organizations and opportunities must be preapproved. Choose from organizations tagged, "Approved SSL MCPS" on the website www.mcpsssl.org and organizations tagged, "MCPS SSL Approved" **OR** get MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* granted in advance of any service.
- Keep copies of all SSL forms. The official SSL hours are reflected on quarterly report cards. Check out the SSL record and discuss any discrepancy immediately with the school-based SSL coordinator.
- Service performed during the second semester can be turned in any time during the semester. The latest date to turn in documentation of second semester service is the Friday before exams begin (June 3, 2011). Senior hours are due before that date.
- Providing direct service to individuals in assisted-living facilities and nursing homes is the only exception to serving with nonprofit organizations. Be sure to get an MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* signed in advance with organizations that are not tagged as "Approved SSL MCPS".