

# NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

## Student Service Learning

Ms. McCarthy-Redd, Student Service Learning Coordinator- Counseling Department

### WHAT IS STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)

- A Maryland State Department of Education high school diploma requirement
- A teaching method that combines academic instruction, meaningful service and critical reflective thinking
- Activities involving phases of preparation, action, and reflection
- Indirect, direct and advocacy opportunities
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### WHY IS SSL A DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT IN MARYLAND ?

- To strengthen character through civic engagement and political involvement
- To encourage a habit of community involvement and responsibility
- To promote involvement in activities that address community need a through service ethic.

### DID YOU KNOW....?

- If you earn 260 hours or more you can receive a Certificate of Meritorious Service at Graduation.
- **MCPS** SSL forms are available in the Counseling Department or SSL website: [www.mcpsssl.org](http://www.mcpsssl.org) . Check website for **organizations** and activities that are **pre-approved** for SSL
- If a service is **NOT** listed as an approved MCPS SSL activity, you must complete a **special activity form** . They are located in the Counseling Dept. or SSL website

- Beginning with the Class of 2011 all students are required to complete **75 SSL HOURS**

- **SSL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE AND RETURNED TO THE COUNSELING DEPT DURING THAT SEMESTER**

**NOW WHAT....?**

**(Before Completing Service)**

- Select the type of service you wish to complete
- Find organization with which to serve
- **Check website to see if organization is on the approved list. If yes:- Do Service**

**IF NOT-** Please complete the Application of Student Service Learning Special Activity form found in the Counseling Dept. or SSL website

- **Have form signed by organization, including the tax id number**
- Return form to Ms. McCarthy-Redd in the Counseling Dept
- Once approved, do service

**(After Completing Service)**

- obtain a Student Service Learning Activity verification from found in the counseling Dept or website
- Complete Student information and reflection statement
- Have supervisor fill out the organization information section.
- Return verification forms to Ms. McCarthy-Redd, in the counseling Dept.
- The hours will show up on your report card.

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