

2021 SSL Messages to Share with Stakeholders

**Message
to Share with Students
and Families
RE: Summer SSL
Opportunities**



Student Service Learning Graduation Requirement

Middle school and high school students may continue earning SSL hours towards their SSL graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the summer, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the temporarily amended guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage (www.mcps-ssl.org). Current fifth-grade students may begin participating in SSL opportunities starting on June 17, 2021.

Please refer to important information about the MCPS SSL program provided below:

<p>Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities <i>MCPS SSL organizations and opportunities are tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i></p>	<p>All opportunities (including in-person): https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities Virtual/remote opportunities: https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020</p>
<p>MCPS Form 560-50: Individual SSL Request Form <i>Used to obtain pre-approval prior to service with a nonprofit organization not listed on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i></p>	<p>To request pre-approval for service to be completed during the summer, please complete and submit https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval to SSL@mcpsmd.org</p>
<p>MCPS Form 560-51: SSL Activity Verification Form <i>Used to verify and document SSL hours after service is completed. Student and supervisor must complete the form</i></p>	<p>SSL Activity Verification Forms (https://bit.ly/SSLReflection) for service completed during the summer should be turned into your school's SSL coordinator in the fall</p>
<p>Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE <i>Step-by-step directions for viewing a student's full SSL record</i></p>	<p>Step-by-step directions may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE</p>
<p>MCPS SSL Program Overview <i>Complete overview of SSL requirements, guidelines, process, awards, and forms</i></p>	<p>MCPS SSL Program Overview may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020</p>

If you have any questions about the SSL program before the end of the school year, please email your school's SSL coordinator (<https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS> and <https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS>). If you have any questions about the SSL program during the summer, please email the MCPS SSL office at SSL@mcpsmd.org. Thank you!

<p><u>Message to Share with MCPS Staff Before the End of the School Year</u></p>	<p>MCPS Staff, as you engage in professional development and/or plan for next school year during the summer, please remember that the MCPS Office of Student Service Learning has established a process for reviewing and approving school-hosted SSL opportunities that are supervised and monitored by school staff members in order to provide equitable access to service-learning opportunities for students during the school day. The school-hosted SSL opportunity form can be found at https://bit.ly/SchoolHostedSSL. Please feel free to email the SSL Dropbox at ssl@mcpsmd.org with any questions about this process or with any service project ideas you might wish to develop. Thank you so much for considering how you can support our students' access to service-learning in this valuable way!</p>
<p><u>Message to Share with Nonprofit Organizations</u> (only if they contact you directly)</p>	<p>To meet the service-learning needs of our students during this time period, we are excited to announce that students can earn SSL hours for select remote/virtual service activities completed from home under the supervision of an approved nonprofit organization. These virtual/remote SSL opportunities may be offered to our students <u>through the summer of 2021 and until the end of the 2021-2022 School Year</u>. Nonprofit-hosted virtual/remote MCPS SSL opportunities must be posted on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center website (www.montgomeryserves.org) and tagged by the MCPS SSL office with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon.</p> <p>Students may also continue to earn SSL hours for traditional in-person MCPS SSL opportunities offered by a nonprofit organization in a public space under the direct supervision of a nonprofit representative, at the discretion of the student's parent/guardian.</p> <p>If your organization wishes to offer a remote/virtual SSL opportunity to students, <u>please carefully review the temporarily amended MCPS SSL guidelines</u> (https://bit.ly/VirtualSSLGuidelines) that have been created to ensure that any virtual/remote service during this time maintains the safety and privacy of our students and adheres to the proper supervision and monitoring needed for SSL as a state graduation requirement. Please direct any questions to Donna Kleffman in the MCPS SSL office at ssl@mcpsmd.org.</p>