

During election years there are numerous opportunities for students to become involved in the political process and simultaneously earn service-learning hours.

The SSL guidelines state that any student interested in earning SSL hours for participation in campaigns of **any** candidate running for public office must first submit MCPS Form 560-50, *Individual Student Service Learning Request* and have it granted by the school SSL coordinator (Mrs. Soni in room 204) **in advance** of any student service.

Then, with an approved *MCPS Form 560-50 SSL*, hours may be earned in a variety of activities that **occur in public places under direct supervision of adults' campaign officials (not related to student)**. These public activities may include rallies and polling places.

SSL hours **may not** be earned for any neighborhood canvassing involving door-to-door activity, telephoning requesting financial donations, or any service performed in other than a public place.

All hours must be documented using MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification*, **and submitted on or before the deadlines printed on the form.**

Students interested in providing "Polling Place Coverage" with The Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee may do so with no MCPS Form 560-50 required in advance. The organization and this one opportunity are identified as MCPS SSL approved on the database.