


MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student Service Learning (SSL)



SSL OPPORTUNITIES WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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- Be preapproved (Students...
 - select an organization and opportunity identified with a graduation cap icon  on the website www.mcpsssl.org OR
 - secure approval of MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* in advance of service.

SSL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MUST

- Have official nonprofit, tax exempt status.
 - For-profit assisted-living facilities/nursing homes are an exception to the nonprofit tax exempt rule. Students may earn SSL hours for direct service to clients/residents with MCPS Form 560-50 approved in advance.)
- Offer adult (over 18) organization representative supervision (not a relative of the student).
- Award one (1) SSL hour for every one (1) hour of service. (Maximum of 8 hours in a 24 hour period.)
- Document service on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification* after covering phases of *preparation* and *action*, and reading the student reflection.
- Provide opportunities that are secular (non-religious) in nature.
- Comply with federal, state, and local laws that forbid discrimination on the basis of race, creed, gender, age, disability, religion, and/or national origin.
- Prohibit verbal abuse, threats, and/or physical violence directed toward others and sexual harassment.
- Not provide financial compensation for service provided when SSL hours are awarded.

SSL COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES MUST

- Address needs in the greater community.
- Occur outside of the students' instructional day.
- Cover phases of *Preparation, Action, and Reflection*.
- Not include door-to-door neighborhood canvassing of any kind.

- Not include telephone solicitation for financial donations.
- Occur in public places (school, library, church, synagogue etc.) not private homes.
 - Preparing meals at home for delivery to area shelters is an exception to the public place guideline. *SSL hours are awarded based on the number of meals delivered to the shelter.

* Hours are awarded on the following standard upon delivery to the shelter:

20 lunches or hot meals	3 hours
40 lunches or hot meals	4 hours
60 lunches or hot meals	5 hours
80 lunches or hot meals	6 hours
100 lunches or hot meals	7 hours
120 lunches or hot meals	8 hours
140 lunches or hot meals	9 hours
160 lunches or hot meals	10 hours