

Student Service Learning (SSL)

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1) What is SSL?

It's a teaching method that combines meaningful service for the community with curriculum-based learning.

2) Who is required to complete SSL?

Any student in a Maryland public school earning a diploma must complete 75 hours of service prior to graduation. In MCPS students may begin working on this requirement over the summer after completing 5th grade.

3) Awards

MCPS gives two awards for SSL hour completion.

The Superintendent's SSL Award is given in recognition of those who meet the 75 hour SSL graduation requirement by the first Friday in April of a middle school year. These students receive a paper award.

The Certificate of Meritorious Service recognizes those who have document 260 SSL hours by the first Friday in April of their senior year. These students receive a purple tassel.

4) Approval Process

These guidelines have been approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

- May receive a maximum of 8 SSL hours in any 24-hour period earned OUTSIDE of the instructional school day
- Must participate in community organizations and opportunities that are preapproved for SSL if SSL hours are desired from community involvement
- May receive SSL hours for involvement in campaigns of individuals running for public office with pre-approval form.
- Must perform service under the supervision of an adult representing the organization
- Must complete activity verification form and submit it to the SSL coordinator according to the timelines

How to find SSL pre-approved opportunities...

www.mcpsssl.org

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Celebrate Earth Month with Service



Find SSL Approved Opportunities:

Visit the Montgomery County Volunteer Center Website

<http://www.montgomeryserves.org/>

Link to all Pre-Approved MCPS SSL Opportunities:

<http://www.montgomeryserves.org/volunteers/student-service-learning-ssl>

Find SSL Approved Opportunities - MCVC Website

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Student Service Learning

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ANY AGE

Volunteering your time, your energy, your passion, and your skills can make a difference in the world. Through Student Service Learning (SSL) students address a real community need while earning service hours for graduation.

OVERVIEW

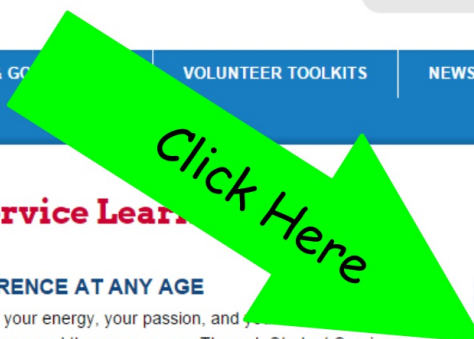
- SSL is a Maryland state graduation requirement.
- Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) students may earn SSL hours from the summer after completing Grade 5 through middle school and high school.
- Students can earn SSL hours by serving in the community with organizations

SSL SHORTCUTS

See All SSL Approved Opportunities

See all Organizations - search by name or zip code. Look for the SSL icon to find those that are SSL approved.

See **date-specific opportunities on the Calendar** - click on each



volunteer!

FIND A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Keyword(s):

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Sponsor: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington - Germantown Branch | Location: Germantown

To assist counselors To co-facilitate activities To provide positive interaction with youth To supervise
To mediate and intervene issues To mentor youth To help enforce and maintain an atmosphere that
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Adas Israel Congregation 

Washington, DC 20008

Jewish Congregation serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area; Religious School has 375 students. Many

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Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 Rockville, Maryland 20850

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL) REQUEST

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form legibly in ink and have it approved by the student service learning (SSL) coordinator prior to earning SSL hours with an organization or opportunity that is not identified as MCPS SSL Approved at the website www.mcpsssl.org. Maintain copies of all forms.

STUDENT INFORMATION—To be completed by the student allowing 2 weeks for review by the school SSL coordinator.

Student's Name Last First School ID

E-mail Grade First Period Teacher

Parent/Guardian Phone: Home Other

Service Activities to be done include

Proposed dates of service: From / / To / / (maximum 1 school year)

Student Signature Date / /

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL: My signature below verifies that:

- I approve and accept full responsibility for this request.
- I know this request must be approved by the school SSL coordinator.
- I understand that the student must be at least 18 years old or older.
- I understand that the student must be supervised by a parent/guardian or other adult.
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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INFORMATION—To be completed by the supervisor after the phases of preparation and action have occurred, and the student reflection paragraph has been read and approved.

Organization Address Phone ZIP Code

Secular activities to be performed

My signature below verifies that:

- I am 18 years old or older.
- I agree to the SSL guidelines attached to this form.
- I agree to supervise the student in the above activities in a public place.

Name (Print) Title Signature, Supervisor Date / /

APPLICATION REVIEW BY SSL COORDINATOR

☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

☐ This does not meet SSL guidelines.

☐ Other (explain)

Signature, Student Service Learning Coordinator Date / /

Student Follow Up: Submit completed MCPS Form 560-51, Student Service Learning Activity Verification to the School SSL coordinator according to these deadlines:

Service completed during the summer — **DEADLINE: Last Friday in September.**

Service completed during 1st semester — **DEADLINE: First Friday in January.**

Service completed during 2nd semester — **DEADLINE: First Friday in June.**

MCPS Form 560-50, Rev. 4/14 DISTRIBUTION: Copy 1/Student Service-Learning Coordinator; Copy 2/Student →

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STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING ACTIVITY VERIFICATION

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form legibly in blue or black ink. Submit it to the school student service learning (SSL) coordinator by the following deadlines:

Service completed during the summer — **DEADLINE: Last Friday in September.**

Service completed during 1st semester — **DEADLINE: First Friday in January.**

Service completed during 2nd semester — **DEADLINE: First Friday in June.**

STUDENT INFORMATION—To be completed by the student prior to review from the nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

Name Last First MI ID Number

Parent/Guardian Phone: Home Work

School Grade First Period Teacher

Student e-mail address

Student Reflection: Think about your service-learning activity. Respond to the following questions in a written paragraph below.

- **What** did you do?
- **What** need did your service address?
- **Who** benefited from your service?
- **What** did you learn about yourself?
- **How** was this experience connected to something you learned in a class at school? (For example, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Arts, Physical Education, Health, Foreign Language, etc.)

NONPROFIT TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION INFORMATION—To be completed by the supervisor after the phases of preparation and action have occurred, and the student reflection paragraph has been read and approved.

Organization Federal Employer Identification # Phone

Address Street City State ZIP Code e-mail

Describe Activity (performed)

Service Record

Date From	Date To	# Days of Service	# Hours Per Day (8 in a 24 hour period maximum)	Total # Hours Completed (award 1 SSL hour for every hour of service)

Supervisor Print Name Title

Signature, Supervisor Date / /

SSL COORDINATOR USE ONLY

☐ Check if automatic hours are attached to this activity as a result of course instruction.

Verification form submitted to coordinator / / Date / /

Hours earned previously + Hours for this activity = Total hours including activity Date / /

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