



Center for Student Involvement

Service Learning

(Provides thoughtfully organized experiences that integrate students' academic learning with a service that meets actual community needs)

5 Components of Service Learning

- **Identify community need:** *What needs to be done?*
 - **Identify community organization to be serviced:** *What school, church, mayor's office, or non-profit organization can be serviced?*
 - **Identify the service:** *What service will be completed?*
 - **Tie to curriculum:** *How is the service related to what is being learned in the classroom?*
 - **Reflect and create a written paper:** *What did I do? How did I do? Now what can I do?*
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BENEFITS for Students

- Increases relevancy of education by bringing academic instruction to life
- Enhances learning of values, citizenship, and leadership skills
- Applies concepts from the classroom to their service
- Develops a sense of community and civic responsibility
- Develops contacts within the community

Other benefits for students

- Career exploration
- Resume enhancement
- Real world applications
- Networking with the community
- Making a difference in the community

BENEFITS for Faculty

- Extend the learning experience beyond the classroom
- Create a realistic learning environment for students
- Improve students motivation and retention
- Enlarge traditional teaching methods of lectures
- Allows for faculty to mentor students

BENEFITS for the Community

- Develops short and long term solutions to pressing community needs
- Creates ways to expand current services
- Increases human resources for problem solving
- Provides opportunities for participating in the educational process
- Establish school-community partnerships

BENEFITS for your school

- Drives your school as an active, engaged partner in the community
- Facilitates teaching, research and program development
- Enriches the quality and relevancy of the education provided
- Increases development and preparation of college graduates