

Service learning and you

Congratulations! You are beginning your service learning journey.

Service learning is a key component of your Career-related Programme. Service learning is intended to be a collection of enjoyable and challenging experiences determined **by you** to extend your abilities and to benefit others.

Service learning in the CP is designed for you to have maximum voice and choice in what happens and how you decide to spend your time. The purpose is for you to apply your interests, skills and talents to the common good. In the process you will also find ways that you can grow and develop.

During your service learning programme you are to achieve the following learning outcomes.

- Identify own strengths and develop areas for growth
- Demonstrate participation with service learning experiences
- Demonstrate the skills and recognize the benefits of working collaboratively
- Demonstrate engagement with issues of global significance
- Recognize and consider the ethics of choices and actions

Student responsibilities

- Thoroughly familiarize yourself with your school's service learning guidelines and timelines.
- Meet with your service learning coordinator or adviser according to the timeline at least three times during your service learning programme. Come prepared to each interview with your questions and ideas.
- Base your choices on your interests, skills, talents and areas for growth to stay engaged. Challenge yourself!
- Use the five service learning stages as your guide when considering, planning and undertaking your service learning experiences. They are **investigation, preparation, action, reflection** and **demonstration**. Easy.
- Ask questions along the way when you need assistance or clarification.
- Participate in meaningful reflection on significant moments along the way to thoughtfully consider your experiences and summarize evidence that you are achieving the learning outcomes.
- Keep a service learning portfolio to capture the total service learning experience—consider what method of documentation will be most desirable to collect the story of what happens.
- Enjoy service learning! That is most important—to take part in experiences that further your personal growth and offer you a world of possibilities.

Note: Experiences completed as part of the requirements of the CP subjects cannot be counted as part of your service learning portfolio. However, you can draw from what you learn in your CP subjects to inform what you will do as service learning.