

# K-12 Service-Learning

- Student
- Teacher
- School
- Community

## FACT SHEET - CTE



*Service-Learning students apply classroom curriculum to community service through real-life projects.*

### What Is High Quality Service-Learning?

- A teaching and learning *methodology* that takes place when a community service project is directly aligned with classroom curriculum.
- A mindset, not a program; with a hands-on skills approach to mastering subject material while fostering civic responsibility.
- A method of encouraging student learning and skills development through active participation in an organized service to the community.



Arizona CTE students have opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom and into their community. This happens by actively being engaged in community service projects that align to curriculum and CTE national programs.

In this more personally interesting, and contextually relevant environment, students have the tools to provide civic service – while advancing and achieving their academic and CTE goals.

- **Health Careers / HOSA** students decide to educate the community on the importance of folic acid in their diets. They do extensive research, create slideshows, posters and

pamphlets on folic acid. This information is shared with fellow students, school nurses and specifically, varying community cultures.

- **Law & Public Safety / Skills USA** students, aware of the number of injuries caused by people not wearing helmets or seatbelts, partner with local Fire & Rescue and the State Department of Highway Safety to hold a public safety field day, a local health fair, make videos and PowerPoint presentations and meet with the governor to discuss safety legislation.
- **Agriscience / FFA** students, studying sustainable agriculture, partner with school administration to design and construct a green house to grow organic salad greens for the salad bar in the school cafeteria.

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### Benefits of Service-Learning

- Promotes school engagement
- Promotes personal, academic and social growth and, civic responsibility and career exploration.
- Extends the learning beyond the classroom and into the community
- Provides an opportunity for students to use skills and knowledge in real-life situations
- Develop students self esteem, and interpersonal, decision making, and problem solving skills at all grade levels.
- Provides engaging and productive opportunities for young people to work with others in their community
- Increases students Developmental Assets®
- Fosters a sense of caring for others while helping themselves at the same time
- Connects schools to people and programs in the community.
- Meets community needs through the curriculum focused service projects.

### Arizona Educational Initiatives That Use Service-Learning

- *21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers*
- *Academic Achievement*
- *Bullying Prevention*
- *Career and Technical Education*
- *Character Education*

- *Dropout Prevention*
- *Early Childhood Education*
- *Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP)*
- *Honors Programs*
- *Nutrition Programs*
- *School Improvement*
- *Special Education/High School Transition*
- *STEM*
- *Teen Pregnancy Prevention*

### Arizona Service-Learning Standards

In the *Arizona Service-Learning Curriculum Guidelines* book, standards and indicators for service-learning are divided into three educational grade levels: K-3, 4-8 and 9-12.

- Standards: represent the major content, knowledge and tasks to be attained in Service-Learning at each educational level
- Indicators: support skills, knowledge, or attitudes that lead to mastery of a standard. The indicators are also used as the basis for the development of assessment criteria.
- Verbs: are related to the *Taxonomy for Learning* by A. Bloom. This structure provides a measurable set of verbs that represent a level of learning to be attained by the student.

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**[Service-LearningArizona.org](http://Service-LearningArizona.org)**

Then click on **Teachers Resources** for books:

- *K-12 Service-Learning Project Planning Toolkit*
  - *Service for a Life Time*
- *...and much more!!!*