

**Just the Facts!**

# WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?

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Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. For youth, teachers, administrators, community members, and parents, service-learning offers a dynamic path toward more engaging classroom and service experiences.



## Where Does Service-Learning Happen?

Service-learning programs are found in all subjects and grade levels throughout the United States, its tribes, and its territories. Each year, Learn and Serve America programs engage more than a million students—from kindergarten to higher education—in service-learning activities that support education, the environment, public safety, and other human needs.

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## Who Funds Service-Learning?

Support for service-learning comes from private corporations and foundations, including the State Farm Companies Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Learn and Serve America. Learn and Serve America, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, supports and encourages service-learning throughout the United States. As the largest funder of service-learning, Learn and Serve America enables more than one million students to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills.

## Funding Information

Corporation for National and Community Service  
[www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov)

Learn and Serve America Grantee and Sub-grantee Page  
[www.servicelearning.org/lssa/lssa\\_page](http://www.servicelearning.org/lssa/lssa_page)

Learn and Service America's National Service-Learning Clearinghouse Funding Blog  
[www.servicelearning.org/instant\\_info/up\\_to\\_date](http://www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/up_to_date)

Learn and Serve America's Funding Resources  
[www.servicelearning.org/instant\\_info/funding\\_resources](http://www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/funding_resources)



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## How Widespread is Service-Learning?

- In America, 68 percent of K-12 public school principals reported that their school offers recognized opportunities for students to serve.
- Learn and Serve America provides funding for 48 states and the District of Columbia to implement K-12 service-learning programs through their State Departments of Education.
- At least a quarter of all higher education institutions and more than half of all community colleges have adopted service-learning programs.



## Who Benefits From Service-Learning?

Everyone involved! In the classroom, service-learning helps students improve their academic performance. It also nurtures their sense of self-efficacy, their leadership and problem-solving abilities, and their sense of responsibility to their communities. For many participants this can be the beginning of an enduring commitment to learning and service.



By offering tools for enlivening and increasing the relevance of their student's educational experiences, teachers may gain a renewed passion for teaching. Schools develop stronger relationships with their communities in ways that involve more parents and other community members in the educational process.

## Service-Learning Impact

Impacts of Service-Learning on Participating K-12 Students  
[www.servicelearning.org/instant\\_info/fact\\_sheets/k-12\\_facts/impacts](http://www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/fact_sheets/k-12_facts/impacts)  
 At-A-Glance: What We Know About the Effects of Service-Learning on College Students, Faculty, Institutions, and Communities  
[www.servicelearning.org/instant\\_info/fact\\_sheets/k-12\\_facts/impacts](http://www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/fact_sheets/k-12_facts/impacts)



In seeing youth and students as valued assets, communities connect to a vibrant and dedicated source of hard-working learners willing and able to engage the needs and problems of their society. By becoming involved in service-learning, communities increase their understanding of ways educational institutions can be partners in solving community challenges. At the same time, they increase their own opportunities to be valued partners in student learning.

## Service-Learning Resources

Learn and Serve America  
[www.learnandserve.gov](http://www.learnandserve.gov)

Learn and Serve America's National Service-Learning Clearinghouse  
[www.servicelearning.org](http://www.servicelearning.org)

Campus Compact  
[www.compact.org](http://www.compact.org)

National Youth Leadership Council  
[www.nylc.org](http://www.nylc.org)

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