

*“Everyone can be great because everyone can serve.
You don’t have to have a college degree to serve.
You don’t have to make your subject and your verb
agree to serve. You don’t need to know about Plato
and Aristotle to serve. You only need a heart full of
grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that
servant.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

**The Service Learning Academy
is a school-within-a-school
and receives funds from
Florida Learn and Serve grants,
and the Smaller Learning
Community Implementation
Grant.**



Students paint a mural at Florida Hospital East.

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world. Indeed,
it’s the only thing that ever has!”*

Margaret Mead

*“The great difficulty in education is to get
experience out of ideas.”*

George Santayana

*“The greatest tragedy is not to live and die, as we
all must. The greatest tragedy is for a person to
live and die without knowing the satisfaction of
giving life to others.”*

Cesar E. Chavez

*“Be the change you wish to see
in the world.”*

Gandhi

*“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may
remember. Involve me and I will learn.”*

Benjamin Franklin

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Service Learning Academy



Service Learning-

**A door from school
to the world.**

Overview

The Service Learning Academy is a 'school within a school' designed for responsible, civic-minded students who have or wish to develop the leadership and communication skills required to be effective leaders committed to the improvement of school and community. Students integrate service into their academic curriculum by creating and implementing subject-related service projects in the school and community; overseeing the service-learning mini-grant projects; and training others in service learning. This experience provides students opportunities to acquire real-life skills, apply their academic knowledge, and foster their sense of civic responsibility.



Service learning students presented at the OCPS District Service Learning Conference, the state Non-bullying Conference and the Florida Learn and Serve Conference.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Service Learning Academy is to promote the development of leadership skills and civic responsibility; to integrate and enhance academic curriculum; to build strong community partnerships; to put learning into action through meaningful service-learning projects that meet school and community needs; and to promote service-learning in school and in the community.

Core Content Description:

Service Learning Council I (Leadership Skills Development) Grades 10-12 1 credit and a minimum of 150 service learning hours, must meet leadership requirements to be accepted into class.

This class trains students in leadership skills, government policy, problem solving, decision making, and team building, while focusing on service learning. Students integrate service into their academic curriculum by creating and implementing subject-related service projects as a council. They also oversee mini-grants and train others how to conduct worthwhile service projects.

Service Learning/Volunteer Public Service I, Grades 9-12 ½ credit and 75 service learning hours

Emphasis on service completed within school. Students will be trained in service learning basics and will serve as a student assistant, mentor or tutor. Portfolio documentation required.

Service Learning/Volunteer Public Service II, Grades 9-12 ½ credit and 75 service learning hours

Emphasis on service completed at a nonprofit agency in the community. Students will be trained and serve as a volunteer at a nonprofit agency of the student's choosing. This will be offered during the year and as a summer school course and transportation is the responsibility of the student. Portfolio documentation required.

Peer Mediation Grades 10 - 12 1 credit and 150 service learning hours. Must meet leadership requirements to be accepted into class.

This leadership class trains students to resolve conflict through mediation; to promote and value tolerance and diversity; and to perform service learning activities

Service Learning Academy Teachers

The service learning academy has 15 teachers who work with students to implement a calendar of independent, groups, class and school-wide service learning projects. Some are class and subject specific and some are interdisciplinary. The following teachers are in the academy:

Wendy Doromal: Coordinator and Core Subjects

Dennis Blake, VPS I, COMPACT

John Diem: Pharmacy Technology

Lynette Elliot: English

David Gardner: Science

Andrew Haan: Math

Elsa Kaczor: ESOL

Gudrun Martyny: Spanish

Elise Perez: American Sign Language

Laura Powell: Patient Care Technology

Michael Robbins: Social Studies

Darrelanne Sundeen, ESE

Corey Thayer: TV Production

Suzanna Thesing: Business Technology

Brian Tortorelli: Art



Students working on the vegetable garden for the homeless.