



# Service-Learning and Virtual/Blended Learning

**Service-learning can be delivered through a virtual/blended format. It is an effective virtual/blended learning strategy** because it involves **instruction, inquiry, problem-solving, self-reflection, collaboration, communication, and demonstration both virtually and in-person**. Educators can engage students in meaningful lessons that involve critical thinking and problem-solving while delivering and reinforcing content.

## **Effective service- learning instructional approaches include:**

- Promoting content real world application and reflection, giving instruction authenticity
- Working collaboratively with peers, adults, and community members to effectively solve problems whether virtually or in person
- Integrating and facilitating research, self-reflection, and action through technology
- Secondary skills students develop include interacting in meaningful ways in a virtual and blended learning environment, collaborating with others to achieve shared goals, and communicating using various media.

## **How can Service-Learning be Blended/ Virtual Learning?**

- Students can receive instruction virtually, through research and independent study, or a combination of the two.
- Students respond to learning through a service-project that is derived from the content and addresses a need in the community (community can be home or school as well as the community at large).
- Students retain content because it has real-world application
- Students are more engaged in the content
- Students develop empathy, an understanding of civic responsibility, and have an opportunity to express their voice and choice in the process.

K-12 Lessons that connect Indiana Academic Standards to Service-Learning can be found on the [Learning to Give](#) website.

To learn more about service-learning connections to Virtual/Blended Learning check out these **Spotlight on Service-Learning articles** found [HERE](#) located on the [INSPIRE3 page](#).

- [Service Learning BLENDS into VIRTUALLY Everything! Part 1](#)
- [Service Learning BLENDS into VIRTUALLY Everything! Part 2](#)
- [Learning to Serve from a Distance](#)
- [There Is No Place Like Home for Service Learning](#)

There are many different content area **Virtual Learning with Service Learning PowerPoint presentations** with live links to related resources and lessons available on the [Digital Resources page](#) also located on the INSPIRE3 page.



Visit the INSPIRE<sup>3</sup> page on the IASP website [HERE](#) and on the IMLEA website [here](#) for additional service-learning resources. ALL Spotlight on Service-Learning articles, written by Beth Smith, are archived on the [Spotlight on Service-Learning page](#). Snapshots of Service-Learning from Indiana schools can be found [here](#).

Explore the free resources on [Learning to Give](#) and [generationOn](#) described below to find service and service-learning lessons and resources, meaningful ways to serve others and give meaning to content, help students discover their passions, and help them develop empathy through incorporation of service-learning into the existing content.



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