

Benefits of Service-Learning and Philanthropy Education

Service-Learning: Teaching and learning strategy that combines real-world application of academic Skills and content with service to the community. Stages of Service-Learning: (IPARDE) Investigation; Preparation; Action; Reflection; Demonstration; Evaluation

Philanthropy Education: Teaches philanthropy history, culture, values, vocabulary of philanthropy – giving time, talent, or treasure for the common good. Students feel more ownership in their learning and demonstrate a more giving role in the classroom and community when guided through giving and service.

Philanthropy education brings to life the why and how we give, while Service-Learning provides a methodology for taking meaningful action.

What are the Benefits of Service-Learning/Philanthropy Education?

- **Students gain**
 - 21st century skills: critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, decision-making, collaboration, and communication
 - Real-world experience connected to academic subjects
 - Greater sense of the purpose for learning
 - Deeper understanding of themselves and empathy and respect for others
 - Opportunities to explore skills and interests and to network for career readiness
 - Guided practice in taking action as socially responsible global citizens
 - Increased self-efficacy as they address community needs
- **Schools gain.....**
 - Deeper connection between academics knowledge and real-world applications
 - Increased pro-social behavior and student engagement
 - An effective drop-out prevention strategy
 - A focus on school improvement
 - Improved school climate
 - Positive school-community relationships
- **Communities gain**
 - Energy and creativity of youth in addressing communities needs
 - Opportunities to build positive relationships between community and schools
 - New perspectives on youth as assets, not liabilities
 - New generation of caring and experienced citizens, activists and volunteers – tomorrow's civic leaders
 - Increased public awareness of key issues