

January 2023 SSL Information for MCPS Students

Upcoming Districtwide SSL Opportunities



- **MLK Week of Service (January 16-21, 2023)** - Montgomery County Public Schools is working collaboratively with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) to promote service opportunities and acts of kindness for others during the MLK Week of Service.
 - The MCVC website, www.montgomeryserves.org, lists multiple opportunities for individuals to serve on the MLK holiday away from school.
 - January 16, 2023, is known as "MLK Day of Service: A Day On, Not A Day Off." Volunteers will have several service options provided to them, including projects to complete at home and in-person.
 - Special events will be held in multiple locations, and individuals who wish to serve at one of these locations must sign up in advance on the MCVC website - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>.
- **Family Forum on Fentanyl (January 28, 2023)** - Panelists will share important information for families on the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl, prevention tools, and protective factors for students and resources for treatment when needed.
 - Students may earn 2 SSL hours for attending and learning this important information so that they can help to spread awareness and receive Narcan training.
 - Interested students can learn more at the following [link](#).
- [Additional January 2023 SSL Opportunities](#)

Message to Share with Students and Families RE: SSL Opportunities



Student Service Learning Graduation Requirement

Middle school and high school students should continue earning SSL hours towards their SSL graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the 2022-2023 school year, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage (www.mcps-ssl.org).

Please refer to important information about the MCPS SSL program provided below:

SSL Hours Documentation

- Any SSL forms for service completed after June 1, 2022, and submitted to the school's SSL coordinator by September 23, 2022, will be reviewed and processed by the end of the first quarter.
- Students who wish to submit SSL forms from previous school years must write an appeal to the school's principal outlining the circumstances for why the SSL form(s) were not turned in by the systemwide deadline. The school's principal will consider the information presented and make a final decision about the appeal.

To view **SSL forms and important due dates** for the 2021-2022 school year, please click [here](#).

Please note that all SSL forms for service completed during the summer of 2022 or the 2022-2023 school year should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator on a rolling basis by the **recommended due date of January 6, 2023**, but **no later than the required deadline of June 2, 2023**.

	SSL Awards - Any high school senior who has submitted documentation to show the completion of 240 SSL hours or more by March 30, 2023, will earn the Certificate of Meritorious Service along with a purple tassel for graduation. - Any middle school student who has submitted documentation to show the completion of the 75-hour SSL graduation requirement (for the first time in middle school) by March 30, 2023, will receive the Superintendent's SSL Award.	The required deadline for all documentation that qualifies seniors for the Certificate of Meritorious Service and middle school students for the Superintendent's SSL Award is March 30, 2023. All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form - https://bit.ly/SSLReflection) should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator by March 30, 2023, to be considered for these awards.
	Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities <i>MCPS SSL organizations and opportunities are tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i>	All opportunities (including in-person): https://bit.ly/SSLOpportunities Virtual/remote opportunities: https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020 For additional tips on how to search for opportunities, please go to https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTips
	MCPS Form 560-51: SSL Activity Verification Form <i>Used to verify and document SSL hours after service is completed</i> <i>Student and supervisor must complete the form</i>	SSL Activity Verification Forms (https://bit.ly/SSLReflection) for service completed should be turned into your school's SSL coordinator. (All SSL forms for service completed after June 1, 2022, should be submitted to your school's SSL coordinator by the recommended due dates of September 23, 2022, and January 6, 2023, but no later than the required deadline of June 2, 2023.)
	MCPS Form 560-50: Individual SSL Request Form <i>Used to obtain pre-approval prior to service with a nonprofit organization not listed on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i>	To request pre-approval for service, please complete https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval - for in-person service, submit this form to your school's SSL coordinator - for virtual/remote service, submit this form to SSL@mcpsmd.org
	MCPS SSL Hub for Students <i>Find SSL forms, translated resources, SSL guidelines, and much more!</i>	Check out SSL forms, resources, guidelines, and much more at our new MCPS SSL Hub for Students -- https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS
	Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE <i>Step-by-step directions for viewing a</i>	Step-by-step directions may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE

	<i>student's full SSL record</i>	
	MCPS SSL Program Overview <i>Complete overview of SSL requirements, guidelines, process, awards, and forms</i>	MCPS SSL Program Overview may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020
If you have any questions about the SSL program, please email your school's SSL coordinator (https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS and https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS) or the MCPS SSL office at SSL@mcpsmd.org. Thank you!		