

DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

Three steps to start CSL in your district

➔ Find Community Partners



Districts can start CSL in their schools by discussing the needs of their community to determine future partnerships with stakeholder feedback. Those nonprofit/community organizations who will supervise students must become an approved site by completing a "Student Community Service Site Application," which will be approved by the local school board and finally the State Board of Education.

➔ Create a CSL Plan



CSL schools must have an approved plan at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year in order to receive points in the ESSA School Index. The plan must reveal how the CSL will include preparation, action, and reflection within the experience of service. The school must explain how it will manage CSL activities and identify safety policies/procedures. (Use the template provided on ADE's CSL webpage.) Completed plans must be submitted through the Course Approval System.

➔ Prepare Students to Learn



Upon completion of the student volunteer application, the student will work with the CSL coordinator either through a class period or personal conference to plan his/her project. Students may brainstorm projects, conduct research, and share what they learn with their classmates. Training or orientation may be needed for some forms of service. Students must be able to provide evidence of learning and reflect upon that learning experience. Each student will receive one credit toward graduation upon completing 75 hours of service.

➔ Compare Service Learning Across the Nation

<http://ecs.force.com/mbdata/mbquest3RTE?Rep=SL1301>



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COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING IN ARKANSAS

What is Community Service Learning (CSL)?

There are three parts to CSL: preparation, action and reflection. CSL provides schools the opportunity to connect students to their community in order to meet the needs of the community while also fostering civic responsibility with their students. Through CSL, students take what they are learning in the classroom and apply that to improving their school and community.

What law supports CSL?

Act 648 of 1993 allows students who have completed approved community service the opportunity to receive one academic credit that may be applied toward graduation.

How does ESSA incorporate CSL?

CSL is a hot topic as the Every Student Succeeds Act will allow schools to use CSL as a part of the fifth indicator in the ESSA School Index. Typically, schools can use cycle 7 reports during a student's senior year, with the correct course code, to show the number of students who opted in to CSL. The correct course code for Community Service Learning is 496019.

How does CSL fit into ADE's vision and mission?

ADE wants every student to graduate prepared for college, career, and community engagement. "We are excited to expand opportunities to all students, and to be able to benefit communities both large and small. We are ready to see how students grow personally through engagement in their communities," Thomas Coy, ADE public school program manager in Curriculum Support Services, said.

How can ADE support my school/district?

ADE is looking forward to supporting districts as they begin creating their CSL plans. Visit the website to access the webinar, toolkit, and templates: <http://bit.ly/2H4pOWC>.