Service Learning

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Service Learning
education in action

- Not an add-on to an existing curriculum
- not episodic volunteer work
- not community service
- fulfilling a certain no of hrs to graduate
- Compensatory service as punishment
- Only for high school or college
- one-sided: benfit only students or only community

Combines service with learning in intentional ways
What is service learning?

Form of **experiential education** where learning occurs thro a cycle of action & reflection as students work with others thro a process of applying what they are learning to community problems and, at the same time, reflecting upon their exps as they seek to achieve **real objectives for the community** and deeper understanding as skills for themselves.
## Service Learning: Education in Action

### Key Components:

1. **Teaching method/tool** that enriches learning by engaging students in meaningful service.
2. **Application of academic skills** to solving real-world issues.
3. **Ties academic curriculum** reinforces & expands students’ learning to a service prog that reinforces and expands students’ learning.
4. **Aimed at creating experiential edu** that connect students’ learning to their own lives and prov a benefit to the community.

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<th><strong>ESD components in service learning</strong> (content/issues, ESD values, principles of ESD teaching &amp; learning)</th>
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<td>- Learning thro active participation in service exps</td>
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<td>- Prov structured time for students to reflect by thinking, discussing, reflecting on their exps</td>
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<td>- Oppor for students to use skills &amp; knowl in real life situations</td>
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<td>- Extends learning beyond classroom into community</td>
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common characteristics

- Positive, meaningful and real to participants
- Co-operative rather than competitive and thus promote skills assoc with team work and community involvement and citizenship
- Address complex problems in complex settings rather than simplified problems in isolation
- Promote deeper learning
- Personally meaningful – generate emotional effects, challenge values as well as ideas – various dimensions of learning