



Service Learning Student, Parent, and School Agreement

Service-learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with curriculum-based learning. Students improve their academic skills by applying what they learn in school to the real world; they then reflect on their experience to reinforce the link between their service and their learning.

This agreement, required for participation, outlines the responsibilities of the student and the parent/guardian.

The term for the Agreement shall be one school year commencing on _____ (today's date) and concluding on August 31, 20___. This Agreement may be modified only by writing and executed by all parties. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

THE STUDENT WILL:

1. Adhere to the school system's policies on behavior, other school-based rules, and dress according to the business/community partner's recommendation as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Attend an orientation meeting with the AACPS school-based facilitator (Signature Program Facilitator/club sponsor).
3. Actively participate in a service learning opportunity pre-approved by the school-based service learning project facilitator and the Office of Service Learning, and complete all parts of the service learning project (preparation, action, and reflection).
4. Review the location of the volunteer event and provide own transportation to and from the service site.
5. Assume full responsibility for conduct and safety while traveling between home, school, and volunteer activity, as well as, while engaged in service learning projects at school or in the community.
6. Arrive on time and successfully complete the requirements to receive service credit as outlined on the Service Learning Portal.
7. Students must be present for the full school day if the service opportunity is scheduled for the same day. Hours will not be counted if any portion of the school day is missed.
8. Adhere to the schedule for each volunteer opportunity as it appears on the Student Dashboard page of the Service Learning Portal.
9. Notify the school-based service learning facilitator, business/community organizer, and the parent or guardian if the student wishes to make any service schedule changes including service dates, number of hours, and times to attend. Provide a minimum 24 hour advance notice of absence to business/community partner(s) and school-based service learning project facilitator.
10. Consent to be photographed for educational and/or promotional purposes (videos, brochures, articles).
11. Confer with the school-based service learning project facilitator and the business/community organization concerning any problem.
12. Understand that if a student loses his/her service approval through negligence or misdemeanor, he/she is subject to dismissal from the program and may not receive credit for the hours served.
13. Communicate and cooperate with the school-based service learning project facilitator.
14. Review and comply with all documents/forms that pertain to the conditions of the service learning opportunities.
15. Agree that AACPS is unable to conduct a background check on employees and volunteers at the service site and is unable to guarantee that any employee or volunteer of the business/community organization would pass a background check using AACPS acceptable standards for employment
16. Abide by all implied and stated terms included in this agreement.



PARENT AND/OR GUARDIAN WILL:

1. Review and Assess the location of the volunteer event and arrange for and provide transportation to and from the service site.
2. Understand that the student assumes full responsibility for the conduct and safety of the student in traveling between home, school, and work, as well as, while engaged in school related projects and activities off campus.
3. Grant consent for the student to be photographed for educational and/or promotional purposes (videos, brochures, articles).
4. Review all documents and forms that pertain to the conditions of the service learning opportunities.
5. Agree that AACPS is unable to conduct a background check on employees and volunteers at the service site and is unable to guarantee that any employee or volunteer of the business/community organization would pass a background check using AACPS acceptable standards for employment.
6. Agree that this agreement provides consent for the student to participate in all service-learning opportunities posted on the AACPS service-learning portal during the dates outlined within this agreement.
7. Agree to review all electronic notifications sent to the student and parent email indicated in the student profile of the service-learning site.
8. Agree to receive and review electronic communication that will be sent to the parent email indicated in the student profile of the service-learning site, notifying the parent of every new service-learning opportunity for which their child registers.
9. Agree to contact the Office of Service-Learning, at least 48 hours before a service-learning opportunity occurs, if parents have any objection to their child participating in any service-learning activity for which they have registered.
10. Abide by all implied and stated terms included in this agreement.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY STATEMENT: Parent/Guardian, please initial each box below to acknowledge each specific agreement.

- Anne Arundel County Public Schools does not provide ANY insurance coverage for students participating in service learning opportunities.
- Parents fully appreciate the value of their students actively contributing to the welfare of the community and understand that The Service Learning Portal opportunities are completely voluntary, not school sponsored activities.
- Parents and students agree that while AACPS will investigate and monitor the safety and security of the service learning opportunities, that it is unable to conduct a background check on employees and volunteers at the service site and is unable to guarantee that any employee or volunteer of the business/community organization would pass a background check using AACPS acceptable standards for employment.
- Parents and students agree that this agreement provides consent for the student to participate in all voluntary service-learning opportunities posted on the AACPS service-learning portal during the dates outlined within this agreement.
- Parents agree to receive and review electronic communication that will be sent to the parent email indicated in the student profile of the service-learning site, notifying the parent of every new service-learning opportunity for which their child registers.



- Parents agree to contact the Office of Service-Learning, at least 48 hours before a service-learning opportunity occurs, if parents have any objection to their child participating in any service-learning activity for which they have registered.

- Parents and students fully understand that if AACPS closes due to inclement weather, student participation in all service-learning opportunities posted on the AACPS Service-Learning Portal is also canceled.

- I grant consent for the student to be photographed for educational and/or promotional purposes (videos, brochures, articles).

- (If initialling here, do not initial above):** I DO NOT grant consent for the student to be photographed for educational and/or promotional purposes (videos, brochures, articles).

- I certify that I have read, understood, and received a copy of the AACPS Student/Parent Agreement for Service-Learning.

Student Name (Printed)	Student Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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