

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Time Required: 30-45 minutes

Principles:

- Students will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.

Objectives (Students will...):

- Recognize increased roles and responsibilities of the individual student within the family, school, and local community.
- Identify activities the individual student might participate in to become a contributing member of a school community.



GOAL: Students will examine ways to participate in community service and set person goals for involvement.

Activity Statements:

Students will discuss the importance of being involved in community service.

(*Note: A study was done to prove that 85% of students were more likely to succeed and have a higher grade point average if they maintain a weekly community service record than those who kept no record at all.)

Materials:

Hand-out 1 -- "What Can I Learn from Community Service?"

Procedures and Discussion:

1. Say to students: "Today we are going to talk a about Community Service."
 - a) Ask students what comes to mind when they hear the words "Community Service?" Start a list on the board of their answers. Add serving others and getting no monetary value in return - if they are not mentioned.
2. Define Community Service: A service that a person performs for the benefit of his/her local community.

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3. Using a group discussion format talk about the importance of Community Service and being involved. Refer the students to Handout 1 -- "What Can I Learn from Community Service?" Review the positive aspects of participating in Community Service.
4. Discuss the different venues in your area that provide community service opportunities that students can participate in. Start a list on the board.
5. If time permits, depending on the way Advisory is set up, let students decide on a group community service project that the class can work on.
6. Ask each student to select a community service project they will contribute to or initiate if the class does not select a group project.

Additional Resources:

Find Community Service Opportunities in Your Area at <http://www.communityservice.org/>

Community Service: A Family's Guide to Getting Involved

<http://www.kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/volunteer.html>

Extension Activities:

Example: Organize a class project such as a community beautification project, a simple arts and crafts project at a local day care, helping senior citizens in need, providing services or special events to institutions that help senior citizens or children.
