Service-Learning and Connections to Content Areas

Effective Service-learning projects should complement the academic instruction and make lessons fun and accessible for even the most disengaged students.

To make service-learning even more meaningful, it should be connected to existing content. As a result, learning takes place in a "real-world" setting and is more likely to help students generalize the content and the skills that they develop for use in the long term.

- Successful service-learning process guides students in project ideation, implementation, reflection, and evaluation
- Much of what we teach is already primed for the implementation of service-learning. For example, themes in literature often are related to an issue in society that begs our attention. Our science curriculum asks us how we can be good stewards of our amazing planet. Students need assistance with financial literacy

To explore lesson plans for all content areas, search the **Learning to Give website.** Educators can search by content area, grade level, Indiana Academic Standard, or topic.

To learn more about service-learning connections to content areas, check out these **Spotlight on Service-Learning articles** found HERE located on the INSPIRE3 page.

- Service Learning for One and All Content Areas
- Service Learning BLENDS into VIRTUALLY Everything – Part 1 (K-12 Lang. Arts and Science)
- Service Learning BLENDS into VIRTUALLY Everything – Part 2 (K-12 Soc. St. and Math)

These **PowerPoint presentations** with live links to content-specific LTG lessons are available on the Digital Resources page also located on the INSPIRE3 page.

- **Language Arts Grades K-5** - Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **Language Arts Grades 6-12** - Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **Math Grades K-5** - Virtual Learning with Service Learning
- **Math Grades 6-12** -Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **PE -Health Grades K-5** Virtual Learning with Service Learning
- **PE -Health Grades 6-12** Virtual Learning with Service Learning
- **Science- STEM Grades K-5** -Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **Science - STEM Grades 6-12** Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **Social Studies Grades K-5** – Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **Social Studies Grades 6-12** – Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **The Arts Grades K-5** – Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **The Arts Grades 6-12** – Virtual Learning with Service-Learning
- **FACS Grades 5-12** – Virtual Learning with Service-Learning

Visit the INSPIRE³ page on the IASP website HERE and on the IMLEA website here for additional service-learning resources. ALL Spotlight on Service-Learning articles, written by Beth Smith, are archived on the Spotlight on Service-Learning page . Snapshots of Service-Learning from Indiana schools can be found here.

Explore the free resources on Learning to Give and generationOn **described below** to find service and service-learning lessons and resources , meaningful ways to serve others and give meaning to content, help students discover their passions, and help them develop empathy through incorporation of service-learning into the existing content.

Imagine a world where all youth are knowledgeable and equipped for lifelong engagement in philanthropy as givers of time, talent, and treasure for the common good. **The Learning to Give website has** __no cost__ **Philanthropy Education/Service-Learning Lessons and Resources that Teach Giving and Civic Engagement through Academics**. LTG equips K-12 teachers with lessons and resources to educate students as philanthropists with knowledge, skills, and action to make a better world. Connect students' civic lives to academic learning and service-learning. **Over 1700+ K-12 teacher created lesson plans** searchable by keyword, issue area, subject, grade level, theme, calendar event and academic standards. Add service to your calendar by aligning philanthropy lessons and service-learning projects to monthly events. Browse the **Issue Area pages** with related lessons and toolkits. No cost Educator Mini-Courses provide online professional training in philanthropy education and service-learning. **www.learningtogive.org**

The mission of **generationOn** is to inspire, equip, and mobilize youth to take action that changes the world and themselves through service. Educators, parents, community organizations, and youth themselves will find **free** resources needed to ignite the power and potential of young people to become leaders and problem solvers, successful students and active community members through service. **The generationOn website has** __no cost__ **resources** for many audiences that include age-appropriate **issue area project ideas, instructions, how-to guides for K-12 youth, in addition to, service-learning resources, school and clubs programs, and online service and service-learning trackers for educators and teens**. **www.generationOn.org**