

Service Learning: A method of teaching and learning that challenges students to identify, research, propose and implement solutions to real needs in their school or community as part of their curriculum.

Crucial Elements:

- Curriculum Links
 - This distinguishes “Service Learning” from “Community Service”
- Meaningful Service
 - Creates purpose and relevance, increasing student engagement
- Community Partnerships
 - Collaborative, mutually beneficial partnerships address community needs
- Reflection
 - Verbal, written, or artistic
 - Can be incorporated into assessments
- Youth Voice
 - Engage students in generating ideas and making decisions