



Cincinnati Central School District

SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

Demonstrating Civic Participation
Civic Experience I

Service Learning Project

1 point* (*can earn multiple times)

- Complete a minimum of 25 hours of demonstrated service to the community

Service learning is an inquiry-based approach that combines service to community with learning objectives. The most meaningful service-learning projects are personally relevant to students and their interests. Students can complete service learning projects individually, or with a small group or as part of a larger group. Students generally experience service learning with the leadership of an adult. Service learning projects are most effective when connected to the curriculum and the key indicator is that the service performed is connected to a community-based problem or need.

Service learning is generally described in five stages:

1. Investigation - conduct research on a community-based problem or needs
2. Preparation - create a plan to address these needs
3. Action
4. Evidence submission
5. Reflection - required to earn the point for the Diploma Seal
6. Demonstration/celebration

For Example: Conduct some research or participate in a class lesson on “Community Engagement in Central New York and the Cincinnati Community”

Community Service Locations in Central New York allowing for community engagement:

- American Legion
- Board of Education
- Camp Owahta
- Cortland Rotary Club
- Daycare Centers
- Fire & Ambulance Station
- Habitat for Humanity
- Loaves and Fishes
- Local Farms
- Local Government
- Local Snowmobile Clubs
- Meals on Wheels
- Red Cross
- Rural Services
- SPCA
- SUNY Cortland
- The Salvation Army
- Women’s Auxiliary

It can also be projects and activities that serve our community from groups and organizations, inside or outside of Cincinnatus schools. It can be projects that are run by CCSD clubs, religious groups, even the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, like food or clothing drives, raising funds for charity, etc.

- ☰ Cincinnatus Service Learning Project Verification
- 📄 Cincinnatus Service Learning Project Verification.pdf
- ☰ Copy of Service Learning Project Reflection
- ☰ Cincinnatus Service Learning Project Evidence Collection

Before completing any Service Learning Projects, please confirm with the Civic Readiness Committee that it meets the Seal guidelines and the necessary paperwork. If you need any transportation, please reach out to the Seal of Civic Readiness Committee to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance.

Before beginning any service outside of CCSD, please confirm with your parent(s) and/or guardian(s)