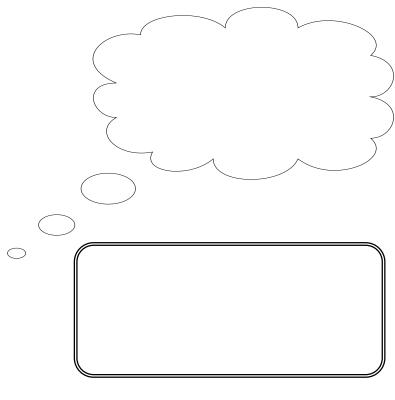
## **KEY CONCEPTS for SERVICE LEARNING**

#### SERVICE LEARNING always has ...

- Academic Relevance, Rigor & Application
- Social Analysis and High Level Thinking
- Youth Initiative, Voice & Choice
- Reciprocal Partnerships
- Observing Change over Time
- Authenticated Need
- Aspects of Social & Emotional Integration
- Inquiry Based: Purpose and Process
- Emphasis of Intrinsic over Extrinsic
- Reciprocal Relationships
- Career Ideas
- Global Connections
- R e f l e ctio n
- Literature
- 21st Century Skill Integration

# **BIG** Ideas

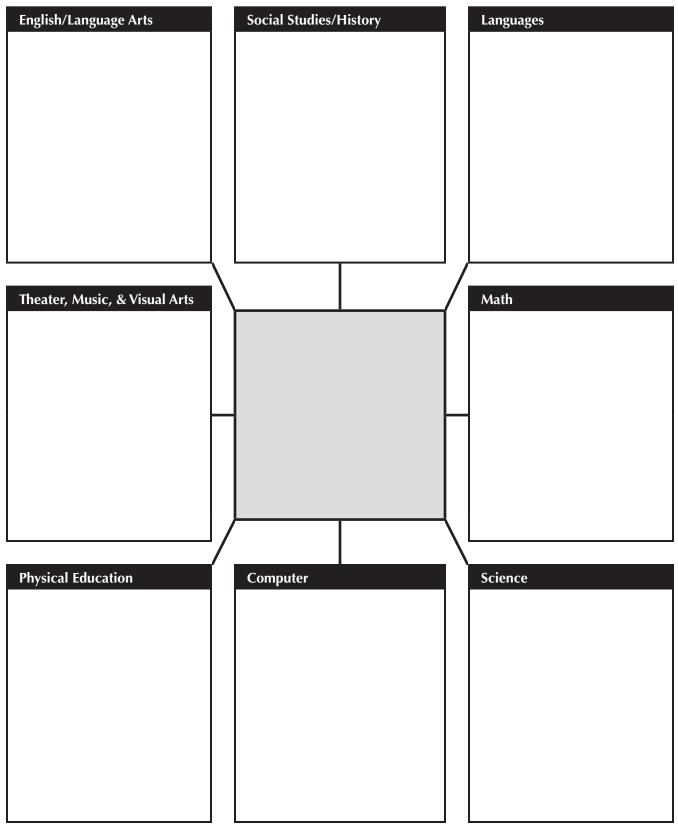


#### With 21st Century Skills, students can:

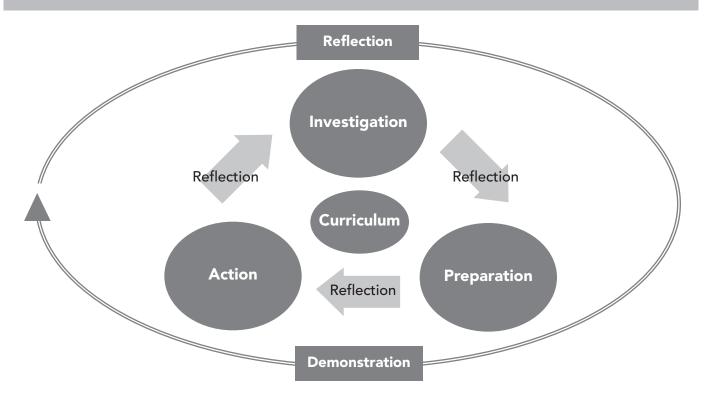
- ask questions
- listen and retain
- be observant
- identify similarities and differences
- work independently, with partners, and in groups
- identify and apply their skills and talents
- develop their interests
- show curiosity that leads to innovation
- learn from mistakes
- distinguish between cognition and affect (thoughts and feelings)
- discern what has value
- maintain integrity in thought and action
- extend ideas
- acquire assistance as needed
- exhibit resilience
- be resourceful
  - gather and manage information
  - summarize and take notes
  - effectively solve problems
  - test hypotheses
  - follow-through with reasonable steps
- organize their time and activities
- incorporate *change* as a constructive process to learning and to life
- transfer ideas to new settings and situations

When done well, **Service Learning** *moves* the curriculum forward integrating essential skills with content knowledge, advancing competencies and confidence.

## Across the Curriculum



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### The Five Stages of Service Learning: A Dynamic Process

In this design, service learning is seen as an engaging dynamic building on the core curriculum.

**Investigation:** Includes both the *inventory* or *profile* of student interest, skills and talents, and the *social analysis* of the issue being addressed. For this analysis, students gather information about the issue through action research that includes use of varied approaches: media, interviews of experts, surveys of varied populations, and direct observation and personal experiences. The action research typically reveals the authentic need that students will address.

**Preparation:** The service learning process moves the curriculum forward as students *continue to acquire content knowledge* and raise and resolve questions regarding the authentic need. They identify community partners, *organize a plan* with clarification of roles, responsibilities and time lines, and develop *skills* needed to successfully carry out the plan.

**Action:** Students implement their plan through *direct service*, *indirect service*, *advocacy*, and/or *research*. Action is planned with partners based on mutual understandings and perspectives, and aims for reciprocal benefits for all involved.

**Reflection:** Reflection is ongoing and occurs as a considered summation of thoughts and feelings regarding essential questions and varied experiences to inform content knowledge, increase self-awareness, and assist in ongoing planning. When students have varying modalities for reflection, they grow to identify their preferred ways to reflect and value the reflective process. This leads to students becoming reflective by choice.

**Demonstration:** Student demonstration *captures the entire service learning experience*, beginning with investigation, and includes what has been learned, the process of learning, and the service or contribution accomplished. Sharing this with an audience educates and informs others. Students draw upon their skills and talents in the manner of demonstration, often integrating technology.



## **Planning for Dynamic Learning**

Organizing Concepts		
Teacher Overarching Purpose		Youth Voice and Choice
Enduring Understandings		
Essential Questions		
Central Idea & Content		
Related Needs		
Investigation		Ongoing Reflection with
Personal Inventory/Profile		Varied Modalities
Media		
Interview		
Survey		
Observation		
Preparation		
Action		
Direct		
Indirect		
Advocacy		
Research		
Demonstration		
Thinking Skills	Social Skills	Communication Skills

Curricular Connections	Vocabulary	
English and Language Arts		
Social Studies		
	Books and other Resources	
Science		
Math		
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Arts		
	Global Connections	
Languages		
Technology		
Physical Education	Community Partners	

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Leadership Opportunities

Sequencing, with Standards and Assessments



Social, Emotional and Character Development

Engaging Teaching Methods				

#### **Assessment Protocols**

- $\circ$  Observation
- o Performance
- o Product
- o Written
- o Discussion
- o Visual—art, photo, video
- Acting/Role play
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