

Service Learning (8080)

Mark Reporting Directions for Teachers

WHAT IS SERVICE LEARNING?

Service learning is a teaching strategy that enables students to learn “beyond the classroom” and grow, through active participation, in thoughtfully organized activities and experiences that:

- Meet real community needs, including the needs of the school;
- Develop academic, leadership, and employment skills for students;
- Are integrated/infused into the total curriculum;
- Are not isolated service activities, but rather provide structured time for a person to reflect upon the actual service activity;
- Foster the development of life-long commitment to service for the community and the ability to work effectively as a team member; and
- Are based on the PARC (preparation, action, reflection, celebration) model.

Reference: SDCS District Course of Study, page 48 (<http://www2.sandi.net/course/pdf/Part2.pdf>)

WHAT IS COURSE 8080?

Course 8080 is Service Learning Recognition. An academic grade of “NG” can be recorded on report cards and transcripts for students in Grades 6-12. Teachers who wish to offer Course 8080 need to refer to the information provided in the **Service Learning Manual for Administrators, Teachers and Agency Personnel**, and in the **Service Learning Handbooks for Elementary and Secondary Teachers**. These manuals are produced by the Community Relations Department and can be obtained by calling Nancy Hemmings at (619) 725-5597.

I TEACH COURSE 8080. HOW DO I GIVE GRADES FOR THIS COURSE?

Site tech responsibilities

Your site tech needs to **set up the master schedule** to reflect that you teach Course 8080 concurrently with your other course(s). Course 8080 should be set up so that it does not collect attendance; you should post attendance for your students concurrently enrolled in the main course during that period. However, Course 8080 needs to be set up to assign grades and post to history.

The site tech also needs to **create a site-specific report card comment** (letter P-Z) and give it the description “Completed Service Learning Course Curriculum.”

Teacher responsibilities

At grade reporting time, teachers **submit the academic mark of “NG” and the site-specific comment “Completed Service Learning Course Curriculum”** (letter P-Z) for students who have completed Service Learning. A citizenship mark may be awarded, if desired.

Students who did not complete Service Learning should not be recognized and therefore are not given any grades for the class.