# NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

## Ms. McCarthy-Redd, Student Service Learning Coordinator- Counseling Department

### WHAT IS STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL)?

- ❖ A Maryland State Department of Education high school diploma requirement
- ❖ A teaching method that combines academic instruction, meaningful service and critical reflective thinking
- ❖ Activities involving phases of preparation, action, and reflection.
- ❖ Indirect, direct and advocacy opportunities

### WHY IS SSL A DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT IN MARYLAND?

- ❖ To strengthen character through civic engagement and political involvement
- ❖ To encourage a habit of community involvement and responsibility
- ❖ To promote involvement in activities that address community needs through service ethic.

### DID YOU KNOW….?

- ❖ If you earn 240 hours or more, you can receive a **Certificate of Meritorious Service at Graduation.**
- ❖ MCPS SSL forms are available in the Counseling Department or SSL website: https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS.  Check website for organizations and activities that on the APPROVAL LIST 🎓 https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter
- ❖ If a service is **NOT** listed as an approved MCPS SSL activity, you must complete a **Request APPROVAL FORM.**   They are in the Counseling Office. or SSL website
- ❖ ALL students are required to complete **75 SSL HOURS**
- ❖ **SSL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY THE 1$^{St}$ FRIDAY IN JUNE TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE.**

### NOW WHAT….?

**(Before Completing Service)**
1) Select the type of service you wish to complete.
2) Find an organization with which to serve.
3) **Check website https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/ see if organization is on the approved list.**
4) **If yes: - Do Service**

**IF NOT- Please complete the Application of Student Service-Learning Request Activity form found in the Counseling Dept. or https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/560-50.pdf**
   a) **Have form signed by organization, including the tax id number**
   b) Return form to Ms. McCarthy-Redd in the Counseling Office
   c) Once approved, do service

**(After Completing Service)**
1) obtain a **Student Service-Learning Activity verification form** found in the counseling Dept or website:https://ww2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/detail.aspx?formNumber=560-51&catID=2&subCatId=9
2) Complete Student information and reflection statement
3) Have supervisor fill out the organization information section.
4) Return verification forms to Ms. McCarthy-Redd, in the Counseling Office.
5) The hours will show up on your report card and you can review them under Studentvue

**DEADLINE FOR TURNING IN DOCUMENTATION TO THE SSL COORDINATOR IS THE**

**LAST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER FOR SUMMER HOURS**
**FIRST FRIDAY IN JANUARY FOR FIRST SEMESTER**
**FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE FOR 2$^{ND}$ SEMESTER**

# All SSL forms must be in by the 30$^{th}$ of May, 2025

MCPS SSL Hub for Students/Families.