

Smythe Academy SLP “One Pager”



What is a Service Learning Project, or SLP?

Smythe Academy Middle School sees an SLP as an opportunity for students to give back to their community, and at the same time learn and reflect on the experience. Assignments will be assigned throughout the year to help students reflect and apply real-world experiences to what they are learning in the classroom. Students are expected to complete the majority of project assignments at home. These requirements are set up to align with California Content Standards. The SLP also meets the 8th grade Charter requirement for 15 parent volunteer hours.

Who completes an SLP?

All eighth grade students at Smythe Academy Middle School complete an SLP; completion with a passing grade is essential for eligibility to walk in 8th grade promotion in June 2014.

How do I complete an SLP?

Students choose a cause in their community they are passionate about. Friends, family, community mentors, church, or school connections can all provide a starting place for discovering the need for community support. Students must get permission (from parent, program, and teacher) to participate in their chosen activity. Parents are encouraged to support students throughout the process.

Does an SLP affect my grade?

Yes. Assignments will count towards quarter and semester grades throughout the year.

What are the SLP assignments I am expected to complete this year?

Aside from the 15 hours of community service, students are responsible for completing and submitting all assignments in a timely manner, including permission forms, completed hours sheet, persuasive essay, poem, written reflections, advice essay, pie chart or graph, and photos. Students will display their final projects and present them in the spring.

More Information

Students are responsible for getting their **Director/Mentor form** and **Parent/Guardian form** signed and submitted early. In addition, students will keep a running **Hours Sheet** with signatures from their Director/Mentor.

SLP Guidelines, including due dates, are available online at: smythe7.twinriversusd.org/SLP.