

May 2023 SSL Information for MCPS Students

Upcoming Districtwide SSL Opportunities



- **VZYA 2023 - Middle School Online Art Contest - Deadline: May 5, 2023** - As part of The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT Vision Zero Youth Ambassador (VZYA) program, we are excited to announce our first-ever online art contest **for middle school students!** The contest will allow students to showcase their artistic skills while also educating others on the importance of traffic safety. All middle school students who submit quality submissions will receive 2 SSL Hours. Additional details may be found at the following [link](#).
- **Understanding the Impact of Hate Speech in Popular Culture and Social Media - May 24, 2023 (6PM - 7:30PM)** - This session will focus on understanding how hate is spread in popular culture such as music, gaming, and movies and in social media. It will include a discussion on how social media can be used to promote hate. MCPS middle and high school students will earn 2 SSL hours for attending the event and completing a follow-up advocacy component via a Google Form. Interested students may view additional details and register at the following [link](#).
- [Additional May 2023 SSL Opportunities](#)

Message to Share with Students and Families RE: SSL Opportunities



Student Service Learning Graduation Requirement

Middle school and high school students should continue earning SSL hours towards their SSL graduation requirement by engaging in SSL opportunities during the 2022-2023 school year, including traditional in-person opportunities and select virtual/remote opportunities that follow the guidelines posted on the MCPS SSL webpage (www.mcps-ssl.org).

Please refer to important information about the MCPS SSL program provided below:

Systemwide SSL Documentation Deadline

- All SSL forms documenting service completed this school year must be submitted to schools' SSL coordinators by the **systemwide required deadline of June 2, 2023**.
- Any unsubmitted SSL forms for service completed since June 1, 2022, will be accepted until June 2, 2023.
- Please note that **after June 2, 2023, SSL forms will no longer be accepted from the 2022-2023 school year or the summer prior.**

The required systemwide deadline for submission of all SSL documentation is FRIDAY, June 2, 2023.

All SSL forms (MCPS Form 560-51: Student Service Learning Activity Verification form - <https://bit.ly/SSLReflection>) must be turned in to the school's SSL coordinator (<https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS> or <https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS>) by the **systemwide required deadline of June 2, 2023**, to be added to students' SSL records.

SSL forms for service completed during the 2022-2023 school year and the previous summer will **NOT** be accepted after June 2, 2023.

	<p>SSL Hours Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any SSL forms for service completed after June 1, 2022, should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator on a rolling basis but no later than the required deadline of June 2, 2023. Students who wish to submit SSL forms from previous school years must write an appeal to the school's principal outlining the circumstances for why the SSL form(s) were not turned in by the systemwide deadline. The school's principal will consider the information presented and make a final decision about the appeal. 	<p>To view SSL forms and important due dates for the 2021-2022 school year, please click here.</p> <p>Please note that all SSL forms for service completed during the summer of 2022 or the 2022-2023 school year should be submitted to the school's SSL coordinator on a rolling basis no later than the required deadline of June 2, 2023.</p>
	<p>Nonprofit-Hosted SSL Opportunities <i>MCPS SSL organizations and opportunities are tagged with the blue MCPS SSL banner and graduation cap icon on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i></p>	<p>All opportunities (including in-person): https://bit.ly/SSLopportunities Virtual/remote opportunities: https://bit.ly/VirtualSSL2020 For additional tips on how to search for opportunities, please go to https://bit.ly/SSLSearchTips</p>
	<p>MCPS Form 560-51: SSL Activity Verification Form <i>Used to verify and document SSL hours after service is completed Student and supervisor must complete the form</i></p>	<p>SSL Activity Verification Forms (https://bit.ly/SSLReflection) for service completed should be turned into your school's SSL coordinator. <i>(All SSL forms for service completed after June 1, 2022, should be submitted to your school's SSL coordinator no later than the required deadline of June 2, 2023.)</i></p>
	<p>MCPS Form 560-50: Individual SSL Request Form <i>Used to obtain pre-approval prior to service with a nonprofit organization not listed on the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website</i></p>	<p>To request pre-approval for service, please complete https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for in-person service, submit this form to your school's SSL coordinator for virtual/remote service, submit this form to SSL@mcpsmd.org
	<p>SSL Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any high school senior who has submitted documentation to show the completion of 240 SSL hours or more by March 30, 2023, will earn the Certificate of Meritorious Service along with a purple tassel for graduation. Any middle school student who has submitted documentation to show the completion of the 75-hour SSL graduation requirement (for the first time in middle school) by March 30, 	<p>The required deadline for all documentation that qualifies seniors for the Certificate of Meritorious Service and middle school students for the Superintendent's SSL Award was March 30, 2023.</p> <p>Students who qualified for an SSL award will receive their award certificate (and purple tassel for high school seniors) from their</p>

	<p>2023, will receive the Superintendent's SSL Award.</p>	<p>schools at the end of the school year.</p>
	<p>MCPS SSL Hub for Students <i>Find SSL forms, translated resources, SSL guidelines, and much more!</i></p>	<p>Check out SSL forms, resources, guidelines, and much more at our new MCPS SSL Hub for Students -- https://bit.ly/SSLHubMCPS</p>
	<p>Student SSL Records on Student/ParentVUE <i>Step-by-step directions for viewing a student's full SSL record</i></p>	<p>Step-by-step directions may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLonVUE</p>
	<p>MCPS SSL Program Overview <i>Complete overview of SSL requirements, guidelines, process, awards, and forms</i></p>	<p>MCPS SSL Program Overview may be found at https://bit.ly/SSLOverview2020</p>
<p>If you have any questions about the SSL program, please email your school's SSL coordinator (https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsMS and https://bit.ly/SSLCoordinatorsHS) or the MCPS SSL office at SSL@mcpsmd.org. Thank you!</p>		