Dear Student,

Thank you for taking part in the AP with WE Service program! You're joining a network of students from around the world who are making positive impacts on their local and global communities.

Use this guide as you think about service learning and your approach to your project.

What Is Service Learning?

Service learning allows you to apply what you're learning in the classroom in a real world setting to solve problems in your local communities and beyond. Through the AP with WE Service program, you can make a positive impact on the world around you with what you've learned in your AP course.

Why participate in AP with WE Service Courses?

AP with WE Service students say that it helps them:

▶ Apply what they're learning in the classroom to real-life settings and situations

▶ Enhance skills necessary for college such as: leadership skills, critical-thinking abilities, and communication skills

▶ Demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement by adding the AP with WE Service Recognition to their transcript

▶ Work with classmates to make a positive impact on local, national, and global communities

Benefits of Service Learning

▶ Learn about your community

▶ Practice skills that you'll use in college and beyond

▶ See how your voice can make an impact today

▶ Connect with others while designing your project

▶ Understand how what you're learning in class links to your community and the world

▶ Spend time at school doing good while you learn

10,000+
students have participated in AP with WE Service

8,500
students have earned the AP with WE Service recognition

800+
colleges and universities have received score reports with AP with WE Service Recognitions

"In school we are used to learning about issues in class, but with WE, I was able to actually apply what I learn to my community. I had always had an interest in humanitarian work, and this program cemented my aspirations to work in International Development."

Marisa, Student, AP® Environmental Science

Student Project Ideas

Need some inspiration for your local and global service projects?
Check out what other AP with WE Service students have done to make the world a better place!

AP® European History

▸ Study barriers to education and ways that people have overcome them throughout history. Help others overcome barriers to education by setting up a drop-in reading buddy program at a local elementary school or community center and motivating others to get involved.

▸ Learn about the causes and effects of poverty over time and how responses to poverty have shaped people's actions. Think of ways you can tackle poverty in your own community by doing a Needs Assessment and connecting with local organizations already embedded in this work.

AP® Environmental Science

▸ Define the criteria for clean water and reasonable access, assess your own access to clean water, and learn about purification, conservation, and sustainability. Increase awareness by hosting a water walk, where students emulate the experience of families who must travel to access water. Tie this event to a fundraiser to increase access to water in other communities.

▸ Extend what you are learning about the environment to help businesses reduce their ecological impact. Research and create business plans for local restaurants to increase their organics recycling, or create posters to encourage students to compost their food waste during lunch. Consult with an expert to learn how to compost effectively and safely.

AP® Human Geography

▸ How has the development of agriculture altered the natural environment? Research the positive and negative impacts of agriculture and present your findings to raise awareness, or educate others about different types of farms, the farm-to-table movement, and sustainability.

▸ Learn how access to health care affects population and demographic issues. Help others increase access to health care by organizing a donation drive of personal care and hygiene items.

AP® Spanish Language and Culture

▸ Learn how changes in the environment affect local and global communities. Research projects include comparing environmental topics (carbon footprint, recycling, water quality, etc.) in Spanish-speaking communities and presenting your findings, then finding ways to spread awareness about the positive ways those communities are already addressing environmental issues.

▸ Learn how poverty affects education in your community and communities in the Spanish-speaking world. You can address poverty in your own community by raising awareness about the issue and providing resources for tackling it. Partner with global organizations already addressing the problem.

AP® Statistics

▸ Collect and analyze data in your local community. Through a targeted research project you can assess claims in your community and suggest evidence based solutions.

▸ You can build on this research by finding local organizations that either need help gathering data or are already tackling the issue you're exploring. Partner with an organization tackling homeless in your community to help survey residents and understand the underlying issues that lead to homelessness.

AP® Computer Science A

▸ Practice app development while investigating causes and effects associated with access to health care or education.

▸ Partner with another school or community organization that works with children/youth and set up a program where AP students teach younger students about coding or other computer skills.

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Many of these service project ideas came from our very own AP with WE Service students! Reach out to your teacher if you have questions about specific service projects, and join the conversation or share your experience using #APWEServe.