

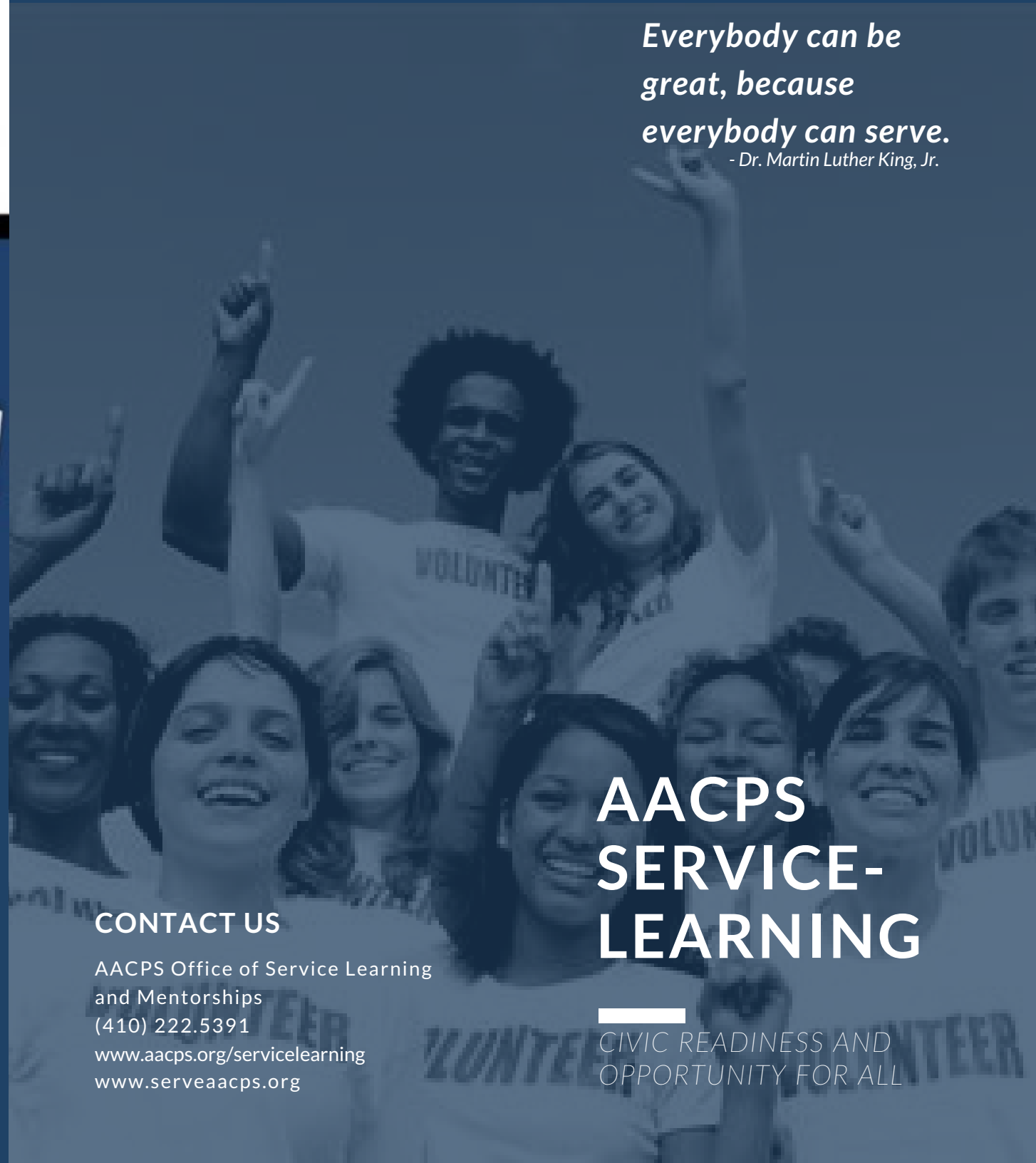


Service-Learning yields opportunity, academic growth, and personal and community development.

"What these students come to discover through service is that by befriending a senior citizen, or helping the homeless, or easing the suffering of others, they can find a sense of purpose and renew their commitment to this country that we love."

– 44th U.S. President Barack Obama

Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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AACPS SERVICE- LEARNING

CIVIC READINESS AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL



Service-Learning Opportunities & Resources!

For more guidelines, ideas, and opportunities to get involved with service-learning, please feel welcome to visit the following sites:

Maryland State Department of Education

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/pages/service-learning/index.aspx>

Service Learning in AACPS

<http://www.aacps.org/servicelearning>

<http://www.serveaacps.org>

Youth Service America

<https://ysa.org/>

AACPS SERVES!

How is Service-Learning Structured in AACPS?

Student service-learning experiences are primarily integrated into the AACPS curriculum in the following grades and courses:

5 hours in 5th grade (interdisciplinary)

30 hours in middle school (interdisciplinary)

- 10 hours in 6th grade
- 10 hours in 7th grade
- 10 hours in 8th grade

40 hours in high school

- 10 hours in US Government
- 10 hours in Health
- 10 hours in English
- 10 hours in Science

NEW! THE ONLINE SERVICE-LEARNING PORTAL!

ServeAACPS, the brand new service-learning portal, is an interactive web platform that currently provides high school students with options for service-learning opportunities all over the county! The portal allows partners -- who can be businesses, communities, or club advisers and teachers in schools! -- to post volunteer opportunities, and it allows students to register for these opportunities and serve their communities according to their interests! **For more info, visit www.serveaacps.org.**

SERVICE-LEARNING IN AACPS

WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?

Service-learning is a teaching method that combines meaningful service to the community with what students learn in the classroom.

HOW IS SERVICE-LEARNING BENEFICIAL TO STUDENTS?

Service-learning better allows students to understand the needs of the community. Students learn the responsibilities involved in citizenship and gain an appreciation for cultural diversity and teamwork. In addition, students can explore different career opportunities while benefiting from the "intangibles" that service-learning fosters: personal values, self-confidence, global community awareness, empathy, problem-solving and social responsibility.

WHAT IS THE AACPS SERVICE-LEARNING REQUIREMENT?

In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR), The Maryland State Department of Education requires each student to engage in 75 hours of student service-learning prior to graduation.