



Indiana's Graduation Pathways

With the passage of the Graduation Pathways, **Service-Learning** is an even more important component in the preparation of Indiana students.

- Service-learning demonstrates employability skills and *engages students in meaningful service to enrich and apply academic knowledge, teach civic and personal responsibility, and strengthen communities.*
- The Service-Learning process mirrors the Project-Based Learning process and the STEM engineering design process.
- Service-learning experiences offer authentic practice of employability and 21st century skills while *applying classroom theories to practical problems, exploring career options, and pursuing personal and professional goals.*

Box 2 of the Graduation Pathways – Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills

(Students must complete at least one of the following:

- Project-Based Learning Experience
- Service-Based Learning Experience
- Work-Based Learning Experience



Preparing ALL students now (K-12) to become proficient in the inherent skills in service-learning will produce future leaders and employees with critical skills and a heart for others.



INSPIRE³- Indiana Service-learning Philanthropy Initiative Resources to **Educate, Engage, Empower** –(formerly known as generationOn Indiana) – seeks to do exactly what the acronym states as its purpose: supporting and assisting school administrators, teachers, counselors, and youth development professionals with **free** resources, tools, support, and training that will help them **educate, engage, and empower** students through meaningful real-world learning through service.

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https://iasp.formstack.com/forms/indiana_service_learning_program_sign_up

Contact Joan Belschwender, Director of INSPIRE³ joan.inspire3@iasp.org for more information and check out our **INSPIRE³** web page on the IASP website under About <http://www.iasp.org/about-iasp/inspire3/> and on our tab the IMLEA website, www.imlea.org

What is SBL? Service-based learning integrates meaningful service to:

- enrich and apply academic knowledge
- teach civic and personal responsibility
- teach other employability skills
- strengthen communities

SBL can be classified by three core indicators:

- integrating academic study with service experience
- reflecting larger social, economic, and societal issues
- collaborating efforts between students, schools, and community partners

What does ‘meaningful service’ mean:

- The key quality to SBL that separates it from volunteering or service is that students learn while conducting their service by developing ownership of the project.
 - Meaningful service engages students by allowing them to:
 - plan, organize, implement, participate, and evaluate their experience (this is the service-learning process – IPARDE – Investigation, Preparation, Action, Reflection, Demonstration, Evaluation)
 - Quality projects are student-driven throughout the process.
 - Meaningful service experiences allow students to apply their learning and employability skills to their projects and with various partners.
 - Students are able to showcase their multitude of employability skills and apply their learning through a project that help them develop personally, socially, and academically.
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Our **INSPIRE³ Team** can assist your school with no cost introductory trainings about service-learning and the free resources that are available on the [generationOn website](#) and the [Learning to Give website](#) that will help support this Service based learning requirement in the Indiana Graduation Pathways.

We have created a google document that will answer the question of “what is meaningful service” and has a Service-based learning project checklist and some suggested generationOn and Learning to Give website resources that will be of assistance.

[Grad Pathways-Box 2- SBL Explanation-Resources -](#)

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