



## Learn and Serve America in Illinois

**Meeting community needs in Illinois through Service Learning.** More than **52, 341** students grades K-12 in Illinois are participating in the Corporation for National & Community Service, Learn and Serve America, federally funded grant program.

Service learning offers a concrete opportunity for students from kindergarten to high school across the Land of Lincoln to get involved in their communities in a tangible way by integrating service projects with classroom learning. Service learning engages our young people in the educational process, combining what they learn in the classroom to solve real-life problems. Students not only learn about democracy and citizenship, they become actively contributing citizens through the service they perform.

Educators throughout Illinois have applied Service-learning across all subjects and grade levels, as Service-learning can involve a single student or multiple students, a classroom or an entire school. Students engaged in Service-learning build character and become active participants as they work with others in their school and community to develop service projects in areas like education, public safety and the environment.

In 2006, Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn assumed responsibility for the Illinois' Learn and Serve America program. This joint federal/state initiative provides three-year-grants to school districts seeking to create or expand service-learning opportunities. FY 2008-2009 will mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of our grantees three-year continuation grant cycle.

The Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn has partnered with the Illinois Resource Center (IRC) to provide training and technical assistance for recipients of the Illinois K-12 School-Based Learn and Serve America grants. These grants, which are determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn, foster the growth of service learning - a curriculum-based pedagogical method that is rapidly gaining acceptance across the nation.

There are many high quality models of service learning occurring all throughout the Land of Lincoln. To learn how you can become apart of the service learning movement in a community and local school district near you visit our website, [www.serveandlearn.org](http://www.serveandlearn.org)





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### **Community**

Algonquin  
Berwyn  
Blue Island  
Bushnell  
Cambridge  
Carbondale  
Charleston  
Chicago  
Chicago Heights  
Deerfield  
DeKalb  
Des Plaines  
Elgin  
Gages Lake  
Glencoe  
Hardin  
Hebron  
Highland Park  
Kankakee  
LaGrange Park  
Lake Forest  
Lewistown  
Matteson  
Melrose Park  
Mt. Carmel  
Mt. Vernon  
Newark  
Northbrook  
Park Forest  
Peoria  
Plainfield  
Pontiac  
Rantoul  
Springfield  
Sterling  
Thawville  
Vandalia  
Waterloo  
Waukegan  
White County  
Winnetka



### **School District**

Community Unit School District 300  
Berwyn South School District 100  
Thornton Township High School District 205  
Bushnell-Prairie City Community Unit School District 170  
Cambridge Community Unit School District 5  
Jackson Perry Regional Office of Education  
Charleston Community Unit School District 1  
Chicago Public School District 299  
South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4  
Township High School District 113  
DeKalb County Regional Office of Education 16  
North Cook Intermediate Service Center 1  
School District U-46  
Special Education District of Lake County  
Northern Suburban Special Education District  
Calhoun Community Unit School District 40  
Alden-Hebron School District 19  
North Shore School District 112  
Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education 32  
West 40 Intermediate Service Center 2  
Lake Forest Community High School District 115  
Lewistown School District 97  
Matteson School District 162  
Mannheim School District 83  
Wabash Community Unit School District 348  
Mount Vernon Township High School District 201 + District 80  
Newark Community High School District 18  
West Northfield School District 31  
Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163  
Peoria County Regional Office of Education 48  
Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202  
Pontiac Community Consolidated School District 429  
Rural Champaign County Special Education District  
Sangamon County Regional Office of Education 51  
Sterling Community Unit School District 5  
Iroquois West Community Unit School District 10  
Bond-Fayette-Effingham Regional Office of Education 3  
Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education 45  
Waukegan Township School District 60  
Carmi White County Community Unit School District 5  
New Trier Township High School District 203