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**Youth Take Action is an innovative service-learning course for high school students enrolled in Clackamas Middle College, Clackamas Web Academy and New Urban High School.**



**The primary philosophy of YTA is that all students should be empowered and given a voice in addressing and solving real community problems.**



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## About Youth Take Action

Youth Take Action (YTA) is a school-based service-learning program designed to connect education with service in the community.

YTA is based on the following concepts:

- 1) ***Interactive technology is an effective tool for engaging today's adolescents***
- 2) ***Youth should be given a voice and challenged to identify, research and propose solutions to real life problems in the community as part of their curriculum***
- 3) ***Providing students with a service-learning option to meet state standards while helping promote lifelong civic engagement and citizenship***



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### *2nd Annual Community Partner Fair*



**The youth participating in YTA are students of Clackamas Middle College (CMC) and Clackamas Web Academy (CWA)**

**Both are public charter schools within the North Clackamas School District.**

- ***CMC is a middle college program that allows students to work toward an associate's degree while earning a high school diploma.***
- ***CWA is a charter school that provides home-educated youth in Oregon with online courses and one-on-one home tutoring by certified teachers.***

**All three programs serve a population of students who choose to succeed outside of a traditional high school environment.**

## Requirements for YTA

- ***Each participating student is required to do a minimum of 40 hours of service through individual and/or group projects with community-based organizations.***
- **Once students are engaged in their service projects, they continue to learn by discussing, sharing and reflecting on their service activities on-line and/or in groups.**
- ***The course curriculum includes civics and government lessons such as the rights and responsibilities of being a U.S. citizen and how these concepts relate to serving in the community.***

## Service Learning

- *Is a method whereby students learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully organized service that is conducted in and meets the needs of communities.*
- *Is coordinated with an elementary school, secondary school, institution of higher education, or community service program and the community.*
- *Helps foster civic responsibility.*
- *Is integrated into and enhances the academic curriculum of the students, or the education components of the community service program in which the participants are enrolled.*
- *Provides structured time for students or participants to reflect on the service experience.*

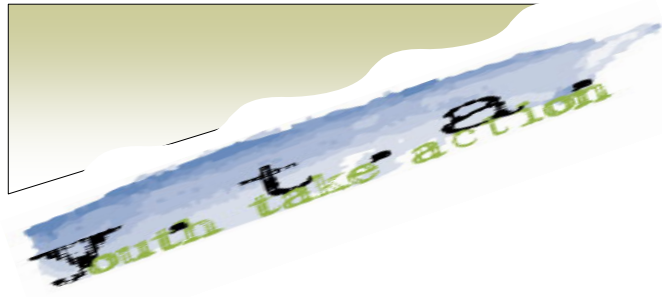
### Steps to Successful Service-Learning

#### *1. Preparation*

*2. Action through direct service (such as planting a tree, reading to young children, teaching a skill; or indirect service (such as planning a fundraising event, recruiting volunteers or designing a website)*

#### *3. Reflection.*

#### *4. Celebration*



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