

Four Weeks

## Investigating

- What are you interested in?
- Decide if you are going to work alone or in a group (no more than 3 per group).
- Define your goal to address a need in a community.
- Research your idea. & collect data! (What are the causes of the issue? What are the effects? Who is affected? Can you show that it is an issue or are you just guessing?

Due Date February 23

## Planning

- Create your Proposal for Action
- More research as necessary
- Prepare/plan everything needed (including you) for "Taking Action" (when it will happen, where, how will you get there, what will you need...)

Due Date March 8

Three Weeks

## Taking Action

Carry out the action! Good luck and have fun!  
Remember, you are changing someone's world!

Due Date April 5

Two Weeks

## Reflecting

- Think about what you did and compare it to your plan.
- Use the presentation checklist to organize your presentation.
- Select process journal samples
- Complete your academic honesty form with your supervisor.

Finished Project Due Date April 19

# Community Project Suggested Pace & Helpful Links

The Community Project is so much more than just community service; it is an opportunity to take what you have learned here and use it to make the world a better place.

This is your project and we are here to make sure you have what you need and stay safe.

This is similar to the Design Cycle: you will investigate to find a problem or issue and then plan a solution. Once you have your plan, put it to the test and see if it works.

After, you will reflect & present what you have done, what you have learned, and what you can do in the future.

Good luck, Lynx. We know you'll make us proud!

## The Process Journal

Your process journal will be a record of your progress. Everyone must keep their own journal, even if you are working in a group.

What should it look like? Your process journal can be whatever you like as long as you add to it regularly: this template a notebook, scrapbook, videos, audio recordings, Google Docs or Slides, etc.

What to include in your process journal:

Reflections, drawings, diagrams, meeting notes, research notes, pictures (drawn or photographs), reflections on ATL skills, etc.

Remember, it's not a diary of daily activity, but you should record information and developments during each phase of the project!



The whole project should take between 9-12 hours from start to finish.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Break - Mar. 15-24

Easter Weekend - Mar. 29-Apr. 1

Projects Due April 19, 2024.

[Community Project Guide Book!](#)

[Community Project Resources!](#)

[Scoring Rubrics!](#)

[Approaches to Learning!](#)

[Project Checklist!](#)

## Types of Projects

**Direct service:** you have interactions that involve people (tutoring, working with an animal shelter)

**Indirect service:** you don't see the people affected, but you make sure that what you do will benefit the community (creating resources for the library)

**Advocacy:** you "speak" on behalf of a cause or concern to promote action on an issue of public interest (hunger awareness campaign)

**Research:** you collect information through varied sources, analyze and report on a topic of importance to influence policy or practice (water quality research, school bus arrival and departure times)

## Some Example Projects

- Create Public Service Announcements
- Make care packages for a homeless shelter
- Write letters to residents of an elder care facility
- Design a mural for a hallway or classroom
- Create a photo history for an organization
- Create an awareness campaign about invasive species
- Run a blanket drive for an animal shelter
- Create welcome to Lexington videos in other languages