Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

Placement Information

Samuel Gompers Elementary School

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Transportation: Gompers is located behind Saint Joseph’s University. Students will walk to the site. Directions are available in the Faith Justice Institute.

Service Days/Times:

Description of Agency/Activities: Samuel Gompers is an urban, elementary school in West Philadelphia located in close proximity to the University. Their student body is primarily African American. Gompers strives to offer their students opportunities for learning that will help to provide them with the tools to succeed in high school and beyond. The staff at Gompers strives to impart to their students a desire and love for learning despite the challenges that face an urban, public school system. Gompers offers 2 classes for children with special needs K-6 and learning support for children that are in main-stream classrooms.

Student Role in Agency: Students will be assisting the teacher in classroom. There are 2 classes for children with special needs: K-3 and 4th-6th. There are 2 Learning Support classrooms and one Resource Room. The majority of students with special needs serviced by this school are in the K-3 age range.

Unique Features of agency: Saint Joseph’s University have been partnering with Gompers Elementary School over the past several years. This relationship has had a positive effect upon the children attending the school, as well as within the community as a whole.

Orientation & Requirements: SJU and Gompers policies require 4 clearances to volunteer at this placement: Criminal Background, Child Abuse History, FBI Fingerprinting and Minors on Campus Training Video. More information on how to complete these clearances is available at www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents and at Placement Awareness Training.