Service-Learning at Saint Joseph’s University

Placement information

Antonia Pantoja Charter School

Address: 4101 N. American Street Philadelphia, PA 19140

Phone: 215-329-2733

Supervisor: Sandra Gonzalez, Principal

Transportation: The Education Department at Saint Joseph’s University will provide transportation for students to service.

Service Days/Times: Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-11:30am

Description of Agency/Activities. Pantoja Charter School offers a bilingual, bicultural, academically enrich curriculum that draws from the social, historical experience of the Puerto Rico Puerto Ricans living in the U.S. The academic program is characterized by project based learning, a commitment to community building, critical and high academic standards. Technology is an integral part of the school environment which includes a computer lab, an interactive parent website, interactive boards in the classrooms, mounted projectors in the classrooms and providing every middle school students with its own laptop where all core content is instructed utilizing the e-books and using technology as a mean to heighten student learning. Technology is utilized to:
1. To support and enhance learning through technology in every area of the curriculum
2. To ensure that all learners become competent and confident users of technology.
3. To improve productivity and communications for all stakeholders including administrators, teachers, students, and families. School Leaders are categorized as Instructional Leaders where everything is linked to student learning. All Instructional Staff model life-long learning by means of attending continuous weekly professional development focusing on supporting and developing good teaching and, ultimately, improving student achievement.

Student Role in Agency: Service-Learning students will work in the classroom to get to know children and support them as well as the teacher throughout the class. Students may be assigned various assignments based on teacher need, and are encouraged to take initiative as a volunteer to ask what a teacher might need, and ask children about themselves.

Orientation and Requirements: An orientation will be provided the first week of service. The Education Department will facilitate criminal background checks, child abuse clearances, and FBI clearances prior to the start of service.