

Service Learning Program Abstract

Cochise College

4190 W. Highway 89, Douglas, AZ 85607

COOKIES (Creating Optimistic Outlooks and Keeping Interest in Educational Success) is a formal civic engagement experience designed to hone student leadership and service aptitudes. Students must successfully pass a fingerprint/background check required by state law prior to becoming involved in the program. The program utilizes students from the college, primarily Student Government Association officers, to mentor and provide academic tutoring to a local Douglas Unified School District elementary school, a school identified with the greatest preponderance of at-risk, minority students.

In June 2006, the college's Honors Committee requested that COOKIES be made into a regular college course and be offered within both the Honors and Service Learning disciplines. The course has been refined to include general and specific learning outcomes, attendance at three class meetings during the semester, a weekly journal of their volunteer experiences, and an individual or group project focusing on the learning gained from the experience. The program has been very popular with both college and elementary school students and has recently been expanded to include a science-focused program.

Disciplines/Courses Involved:

Math, Social Sciences, Languages

Community Partner(s):

Douglas Unified School District

Service Provided:

Tutoring, mentoring, student support, and leadership

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