

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

Lewis C. Cassidy Elementary School

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| Transportation | Approximate Travel Time by Car: 10 Minutes |
| Clearances Required | Child Abuse, Criminal Record Check, FBI Fingerprints, Minors on Campus Training |

Description of Cassidy:

Cassidy School is a K-6 school in the Overbrook neighborhood of West Philadelphia with over 500 students. Cassidy has a lively and warm community thanks to many of the teachers' long history in the neighborhood and several community members' commitment to seeing the school succeed. 1 in 10 students at Cassidy have emotional disorders or learning disabilities, so we try our best to practice differentiation and instill diverse problem solving for the students and teachers. We have a culturally diverse population with significant Catholic, Christian, and Muslim groups. We also have a decent sized English Language Learners (ELL) population at 3.7% of the overall population. Cassidy is classified as having no designation by the school district, meaning that it is not a failing school but it's also not a high achievement school. Therefore, this is a pivotal moment for us all to make a difference.

Student Role in Agency: Students assist in the classroom, providing group work support, individual tutoring or instruction for students ahead or behind the rest of the class, or assistance to the teacher during lessons or activities during the day. Students will primarily be developing relationships with the children in the classrooms where they are placed, focusing not on their academic or behavioral performance in school, but their thoughts, feelings and experiences they share with student volunteers.

Clearances & Requirements:

SJU and Cassidy Elementary School 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.