

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

**St. Martin de Porres**

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<b>Transportation</b>	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 20 Minutes
<b>Clearances Required</b>	FBI Fingerprints, Criminal Records, Child Abuse, Minors on Campus

**Description:**

St. Martin de Porres is a Catholic school serving over 475 students in grades Pre-K through 8. The school is located in North Philadelphia. The majority of the students attending St. Martin's are African-American. In the words of those who work at the School, "we strive to foster a deep respect for all cultures of the world. Recognizing that most of our students are of African American heritage, we incorporate the values and traditions of the African American culture into our curriculum, prayer, and worship."

**Student Role:**

Students will work with elementary and middle school students on various classroom activities; games, homework help, tutor, arts, music, gym, etc.

**Unique Features:**

The school seeks to provide the best quality of education to its students but is working to achieve this goal with limited resources. 85% of the households live below the official poverty level, with 45% of the households earning less than \$15,000 per year. Nearly 50% of the children are raised in single-family households. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed.

**Orientation / Requirements:**

SJU and St. Martin de Porres 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](http://www.sju.edu/servicelearningstudents) and at Placement Awareness Training.