



**KEEP
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SERVICE-LEARNING SHORT-TERM PROJECT

Grades 9 - 12

Clothing Swap / Community Clothing Drive

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Students organize a clothing swap or donation drive to reduce textile waste and extend the life cycle of clothing.

PURPOSE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Textile waste is a major contributor to pollution and microplastic release. This project reduces waste, supports families in need, and demonstrates how circular economy practices benefit both people and the environment.

STUDENT LEARNING BENEFITS

- Introduces circular economy concepts
- Reduces landfill and textile waste
- Builds event planning and leadership skills
- Encourages sustainable consumer habits

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT

6–10 service hours over 1–2 weeks

PROJECT STEPS

1. **Plan** event logistics and partnerships
2. **Promote** the clothing swap or drive
3. **Collect, sort, and distribute** clothing
4. **Document** quantities and outcomes
5. **Reflect** on environmental and social impact

DELIVERABLES

- Donation inventory
- Event summary
- Reflection and photo

STUDENT ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
Project Preparation & Planning	Thorough planning; clear organization and initiative	Adequate planning and organization	Limited planning or unclear organization
Execution & Accuracy	Tasks completed accurately and completely	Tasks completed with minor errors	Incomplete or inaccurate work
Data & Documentation	Detailed, well-organized documentation	Complete documentation	Incomplete or unclear documentation
Community Impact & Insight	Strong understanding of purpose and community benefit	Clear understanding of project purpose	Limited connection to community impact
Reflection & Effort	Thoughtful, insightful reflection; high engagement	Complete reflection; consistent effort	Minimal reflection or effort