

PSL Classroom

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Perry High School has many different classrooms that they use to educate students. One of these classrooms is used for a group called Perry Service learning or PSL. The PSL classroom is different from your average classroom, since it is not located inside the high school, but just down the road.

Located in Manchester West is Perry's social service hub. Perry Service Learning consists of not only PSL, but other organizations including: The Perry Center, which is our local food pantry; Thriving Threads clothing room; Footprints Center for Autism; and Perry Parent Teacher Association. PSL organizations run from the building are the Pirate Power Pack Program, Green Team, the Student Philanthropy Program, and the PSL Kitchen.

Even though the teachers are mainly in charge, the students run the programs. These include the programs that I mentioned earlier on. These are the volunteering sites that are only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While students run the programs, Mr. Soeder and Mrs. Trentanelli supervise the class.

The traditional class is taught on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, where students explore social issues. Mr. Soeder and Mrs. Trentanelli have many ways to teach students how to find these social problems such as note-taking and interactive work. One day they might have lectures and notes, while the next day they are doing cooperative learning and student center learning. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students volunteer two or more hours per week with one of their partnered agencies.

All of these amazing things just come out of the classroom. There are so many different possibilities coming with teaching down the road and all of them are definitely amazing for helping teach students.