

Community Relations

SUBJECT: SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Board recognizes the need to develop a school volunteer program to support District instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

- a) Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction;
- b) Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in a total educational process;
- c) Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

Volunteers are persons who are willing to donate their time and energies to assist principals, teachers, and other school personnel in implementing various phases of school programs. Volunteers shall serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits except for liability protection as may be provided under the District's insurance program. An offer to volunteer can be declined.

Volunteers are to work under the direction of the Principal, and other school personnel to whom they are assigned. Their activities with children will be closely coordinated with, and directed by, the appropriate teacher(s) and/or administrator(s). In the event a school volunteer fails to comply with policies, procedures, or directives from appropriate teacher(s) and/or administrator(s), volunteers services will cease.

All volunteers shall complete a School Volunteer Form and sign off that he/she has read the School Volunteers Policy.

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 United States Code (USC) Section 14501 et seq.
Education Law Sections 3023 and 3028
Public Officers Law Section 18

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #6540 -- Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees

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