

**Administrative Procedure
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS****Descriptor Code: IICC-AP(1)**

Volunteer Program

Volunteering in the district is a privilege, not a right. The Board, superintendent, principal or designee may decline or terminate the services of a volunteer for any legal reason. It shall be the responsibility of the building principal or designee to approve all volunteers to be placed in his/her building. Teachers may select and organize volunteers, unless otherwise directed by the principal.

All volunteers must receive training appropriate to the function they will serve while volunteering. If a volunteer is disruptive or acts inappropriately around the students, the teacher or principal will refuse the volunteer's services and notify the superintendent or designee immediately.

Volunteers will provide support services but are not substitutes for the professional staff. Volunteers will work under the direction and supervision of district and building staff and will have an employee contact person or supervisor to monitor activities with students.

The volunteer program of the district will be organized under the following guidelines:

1. District staff must direct persons wishing to serve as a volunteer to the superintendent or designee's office for volunteer certification. Supervisors of activities that may require overnight volunteers are encouraged to recruit and certify volunteers at the beginning of the school year because the process may take several weeks or months to complete.
2. Volunteers must consent to and complete a criminal background check prior to being left alone with a student and may be required to submit additional information at the superintendent or designee's discretion. All information collected regarding volunteers will be considered confidential to the extent allowed by law and will only be used to protect the students or minimize disruption to the educational environment.
3. Volunteers may have access to student education records. However, such access is limited to instances where access is necessary for the volunteer to assist the district, and such access must be supervised by staff members.
4. The building principal or designee will provide appropriate training for all approved volunteers.

Volunteer Conduct

All volunteers will be given a copy of the following rules:

1. Volunteers must follow the same dress code applicable to students.
2. Volunteers will not lend money or bring gifts other than stickers and greeting cards to individual students unless authorized by the building principal or designee.
3. Volunteers will not transport students.
4. Volunteers will keep all information obtained from a student's education record confidential.
5. Volunteers will not photograph or videotape students unless authorized by the building principal or designee.
6. Volunteers will not date students, have sexual relationships with students or arrange to meet students outside the regular school day or during school-sponsored events or activities.
7. Volunteers will use universal precautions to avoid contact with body fluids.
8. Volunteers will receive district policies and procedures on computer use and will sign an authorized user form prior to having access to the district's computers.
9. Volunteers will not discriminate against or harass any person and will report all harassment or discrimination observed, in accordance with district policy.
10. Volunteers will not search students or student property.
11. Volunteers will not direct a student to remove an emblem, insignia or garment, including a religious emblem, insignia or garment. If the volunteer believes a student's clothing is disruptive or promotes disruptive behavior, the volunteer will contact a staff member immediately.
12. Volunteers must sign in and out of the office when entering or leaving the school and must document the hours volunteered in the school.
13. Volunteers must report suspected cases of abuse or neglect to the building principal.
14. Volunteers will follow all the policies, procedures and other rules established in the district and all applicable laws.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this administrative area.

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